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TROUBLE FEARED IN PEKING.

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FENGTIEN FORCES RE-CAPTURE KALGAN.

TROOPS LEAVE SWATOW.

Owing to the feared activities of the "Kuomintang Civilian Corps," many of whom are said to be in Peking and Mukden, martial law has been proclaimed in both those capitals. Very strict guard and watch is being maintained in Peking, police, fire brigades and all available troops being mobilised. It is said that the "Civilian Corps" has tried to cut the line from Peking to Mukden.

The successes of the Fengtien forces continue and the recapture of Kalgan is officially confirmed. Chang Tso-lin's troops have captured many more prisoners and guns.

The Swatow situation having eased considerably, Cantonese troops are leaving in large numbers, a batch with machine guns having left on a steamer for an unknown destination. No further trouble is anticipated.

The Canton situation, reported in another column, is that the "Red" elements, emboldened by the support of the returned troops of General Chang Fat-kwai, are taking drastic action against the "Whites." Several men have been killed in clashes, and General Li Chai-sum is said to have arrested 20 radicals who were stirring up agitation against him.

SOUTH TO RE-ATTACK NORTH.

Shanghai, Oct. 17. A small detachment of Shansi Cavalry suddenly appeared near Changshintien on Friday and came into conflict with the Fengtien forces. Fighting was heard in Peking on Saturday morning. The same evening martial law was declared in the northern capital. Marshal Chang Tso-lin mobilized all the troops in Peking, who were ordered to watch the different gates and to patrol the city.

The fire brigades were also mobilized in order to check possible incendiary fires by radicals. At midnight the Peking situation became more serious and large squads of police and gendarmes were sent to search all the clubs, hotels, brothels and other public places.

Kuomintang civilian corps have also been active in Mukden, the Fengtien capital. These have attempted to break into the city and at the same time to interrupt railway communication between Peking and Mukden. Owing to precautions taken by the Fengtien military authorities the Kuomintang "civilians" have so far failed to create any serious trouble. However, the situation is tense and martial law is in force in the Fengtien capital.

According to a Fengtien military communiqué, Kalgan was recaptured by General Chang Tso-lin's army on the 14th when the Shansi troops fled in great disorder suffering heavy damages. —Nam Chung Pao.

KALGAN RECAPTURED.

Fengtien Success Confirmed.

Peking, Oct. 16. The recapture of Kalgan by the Fengtien forces is confirmed in a telegram from there to-day from Kuo Wei-yueh, the Tutung of Charhar, requesting the return of the government and office staffs as early as possible. —Reuter.

YANGTZE CONDITIONS.

What Shipping Has To Endure.

Shanghai, Oct. 17. Animadverting on the conditions in the Yangtze during the past six months, the Shanghai Nippo points out that 44 Nisshin Kisen Kaisha steamers have been fired on and 20 subjected to unlawful inspection, while there have been 29 cases of unlawful boarding and travelling. —Reuter.

WUHAN AND NANKING.

An Agreement Reached?

Shanghai, Oct. 17. It is believed that as the result of a compromise with the Wuhan party, General Chen Chien, the commander of the Sixth Army, which committed the Nanking outrages, has been appointed chair-

man of the Nationalist Military Council, and commander of the expedition against the north.

Several thousand troops crossed to the north bank of the Yangtze during the week-end, apparently presaging a renewed offensive along the Tsinan-Pukow line, but apart from other considerations, lack of funds, and the fact that the troops have no winter uniforms, makes a definite forward movement most unlikely. —Reuter.

DELEGATES RETURN. Wang Ching-wei Incognito. Shanghai, Oct. 17. Mr. Wang Ching-wei and wife arrived here yesterday morning on the s.s. Tuckwo, travelling under the aliases Li Pong-cheng and Miss Wei, whilst the Nationalist Government delegates Messrs. Sun Fo, Wong Chung-huei, Wu Chao-chu, and General Tan Yen-kai, left for Nanking yesterday evening. —Reuter.

SWATOW SITUATION. Cantonese Troops Leaving. Swatow, Oct. 15. Cantonese troops are leaving here, three boats with soldiers on board having left today. One group, consisting of about 400 men left by the s.s. Hweian at three o'clock this afternoon under the escort of an armed launch named the Manshan, this latter vessel also carrying soldiers. At twenty minutes to six a further batch left by the s.s. Huahsin. No untoward incidents have occurred and matters are quiet. —Naval Wireless.

No Further Trouble. Swatow, Oct. 16. Completely equipped with horses and machine-guns, etc., a large body of troops sailed from Swatow today on the Cantonese steamer, the s.s. Hwan-yang, for an unknown destination. The city is very quiet now, and further trouble is not anticipated at the present time. —Naval Wireless.

SITUATION OBSCURE. Movement to Grand Canal. Chinkiang, Oct. 16. Acting under instructions from Nanking, the 14th Nationalist Army has moved up to the Grand Canal. Other troop movements are taking place, but the situation generally is obscure. —Naval Wireless.

Troop Movement. Nanking, Oct. 16. A very large number of troops, forming the greater part of the 4th, 7th and 9th Nationalist Armies have crossed the river to Pukow, and it is understood that a Northern offensive is likely to start shortly. —Naval Wireless.

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CANTON TENSION.

"REDS" TURNING ON "WHITES."

MORE BRUTAL KILLING.

A very tense situation has prevailed in Canton throughout the week-end owing to further clashes between "Red" and "Moderate" labour elements, following the annual conference of the members of the Seamen's Union.

It appears that on Friday morning, a parade was in progress by some of the more radical members supporters when a house was raided in which it was known that "white" seamen were staying. A serious fight ensued, at least four of the "whites" being killed. The bodies were subsequently terribly mutilated. It was not until the police intervened that order was restored.

Bomb Explosion.

There was also a bomb explosion in Cheung Lok Street, in the western suburbs, said to be the radical headquarters. It is said that the bomb burst in the home of its makers, and it is known that at least two men were seriously injured.

It is now very evident that with the return to Canton of the troops of General Chang Fat-kwai, the "Reds" are everywhere gaining control, as the "Ironsides" support the Labour-Peasant organisations. Many prominent extremists who left the City after the anti-Red coup of a few months ago are now returning and have already come out into the open.

There have been several parades by Unionists to demand that the Government restore power to the workers.

Radicals Arrested.

At the meeting of Chinese seamen on Friday, among the slogans shouted by the radicals was "Down with Li Chai-sum." After the shouting out of this slogan, all the radicals produced their small red flags and waved them. This was immediately reported to General Li Chai-sum, who was furious when he heard this and immediately ordered the Public Safety Bureau to send out soldiers to arrest some of the leaders of the meeting.

But when the soldiers arrived on the scene all the radicals had left the meeting-room for a parade along the malloos. It was not until six o'clock in the evening that the men from the Public Safety Bureau were able to locate the radicals, and arrested twenty of their leaders.

Printers Go "Red."

Canton, Oct. 17. All the newspapers in Canton will have to suspend publication again to-morrow, for to-day the printers and compositors have taken a holiday to celebrate the return to power of the "leftist" leaders.

The Printers' Labour Union, which was originally a "Red" or leftist organization but reorganized by the moderate authorities during the anti-Red coup of April last, is changing colour again, for most of the Red labour leaders of this as well as all other labour unions have returned to power in Canton.

As in the case of the Seamen's Union, the moderate officers who had been in charge of the Printers' Union, have been kicked out of office by the Reds who have taken over the control of the Printers' Union again. —Nam Chung Pao.

ANOTHER GERMAN FLIGHT.

SEAPLANE TO CROSS ATLANTIC.

Schellingwoude, Oct. 16. The German seaplane DL220 has set out for Lisbon, en route to the Azores and America. —Reuter.

THE DEATH PENALTY ABOLISHED.

Paris, Oct. 1. The Hessian Diet, according to the German newspapers, has abolished the death penalty. —Indo-pacific.

SCENE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

AN UNORTHODOX BISHOP DENOUNCED.

INTERRUPTION TO SERVICE.

London, Oct. 16. The modernist doctrines of Bishop Barnes, which recently offended a number of more orthodox churchmen, led to a painful scene in Saint Paul's Cathedral.

Bishop Barnes was mounting the pulpit to deliver a sermon, when a robed clergyman, the rector of a city church, accompanied by a number of followers, walked up the transept and denounced Bishop Barnes' "false and erratic teaching," and demanded that the Bishop of London inhibit Bishop Barnes from preaching in any church in the London diocese.

Bishop Barnes stood with bowed head, and a most pained expression, and subsequently delivered a sermon without further incident. —Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK A RECORD.

PLANE TO SOAR EIGHT MILES.

London, Oct. 16. Captain Uwins will make an attempt early this week to fly to a height of eight miles above the ground level, and thus break the existing world's height record for aeroplanes.

Owing to the intense cold at an altitude of eight miles, he will wear special electrically-heated clothing. Oxygen will be carried in the machine, and he fed to Capt. Uwins through a mask.

Long before he reaches the height he hopes to achieve, the air will be so rarefied that it will be impossible to breathe without artificial aids.

The present world's altitude record for all classes of aeroplanes is held by the Frenchman, Sadi Lecoq, and stands at 36,220 feet, or just under seven miles. —British Wireless.

LADY'S FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

LANDING AT DIJON OWING TO FOG.

Dijon, Oct. 16. The British light-aeroplane "Red Rose," which is on the way to Australia with a lady passenger, has arrived here. —Reuter.

London, Oct. 16. The Small Avro Avian aeroplane, in which Captain Lancaster, accompanied by Mrs. Keith Miller, is making a flight to Australia, left Le Bourget this morning for Rome. Their departure from Le Bourget had been delayed by fog, and it was considered probable they might have to land at Dijon. —British Wireless.

FRENCH LEAVE FROM FRANCE.

HOW RAKOWSKY SNEAKED AWAY.

Paris, Oct. 16. M. Rakowsky has departed secretly for Berlin. He left in the dark at six o'clock in the morning, in a motor-car, apparently because his intention to take French leave had been frustrated. In fact all the sleeping-cars in last night's Berlin train had been reserved, and even his personal efforts to secure a berth were unavailing.

He had not followed the usual practice of showing the Foreign Office his letters of recall. —Reuter.

FOREIGN MINISTER'S BIRTHDAY.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN SIXTY-FOUR.

London, Oct. 16. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, celebrates his 64th birthday to-day. —British Wireless.

PLANE CRUISE.

FLYING BOATS' LONG JOURNEY.

BRITAIN TO AUSTRALIA.

London, Oct. 16. An important experiment in British aviation begins tomorrow, when four Royal Air Force flying boats leave Plymouth on a cruise to Singapore and Australia.

The cruise, which will cover 25,000 miles, will occupy about twelve months, and it is probable that on its completion the flying boat base will be stationed at Singapore. The object of the tour is to obtain experience in the problems involved when flying boats carry out an extended independent cruise far from shore bases. It is also hoped to gain experience of the problems connected with the reinforcing of the points on the Imperial routes with aircraft drawn from England or other parts of the Empire.

The machines engaged are of the Supermarine "Southampton" type, each fitted with two Napier Lion engines of 450 horsepower. Group Captain Cave Browne will command. Each boat will be manned by two officers and two mechanics.

The machines are of the standard Royal Air Force type, but with duralumin instead of the usual wooden hulls, and with modifications in the arrangement of equipment. The use of duralumin instead of wood has made it possible to give more room for the crew, and it has the advantage of avoiding water soaking, which seriously increases the weight. With the increased tankage for this tour, each flying boat weighs 6 1/2 tons.

Crew Well Accommodated.

The crews will be able to sleep and cook on board. They have already at Felixstowe made the experiment of staying aboard two or three days at a time.

The flying boats will to-morrow make for the French seaplane station near Bordeaux, then cross over the land to the Mediterranean, and follow the coast to Italy, then to Alexandretta and across 150 miles of the Persian Gulf.

They will make a complete tour of the Indian coast, and travel by Rangoon and Singapore to Australia, cruising round the continent by Fremantle and Melbourne to Port Darwin, then back to Singapore.

They expect to reach Karachi on November 18, Bombay in January, Calcutta in February, Singapore at the end of that month, Batavia in May, Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne in June, Sydney in August, and be back at Singapore in January.

Two Southampton flying boats ordered by the Commonwealth Government will meet them in Australian waters, and probably go back to Singapore with them. —British Wireless.

BIG COAL STRIKE IN GERMANY.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY IN DANGER.

Berlin, Oct. 16. Altogether 80,000 miners of the brown coal fields in central Germany are going on strike to-morrow, on a question of wages.

If the strike be prolonged, the electricity supply in Berlin and a large part of central Germany will be affected. —Reuter.

QUICK FLIGHT TO BANGKOK.

AIRMAN REACHES INDIA.

Paris, Oct. 16. Challe has arrived at Bunderabhas. —Reuter.

Karachi, Oct. 16. The French airman, Challe, has arrived here, on his way to Bangkok. —Reuter.

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SOVIET'S WAR BOGEY AGAIN.

"INDEPENDENT" OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

NO MORE PAYMENTS.

Leningrad, Oct. 16. At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Republic, M. Rykoff, the president of the Council of the People's Commissaries, in a speech lasting two hours, dealing with the international and internal situation of the Republic, declared that the Soviet formerly, when weak, offered to buy off the imperialistic countries in order to gain a breathing space, but now it was stronger it no longer wished to pay, as it had offered to do at Genoa and at the Hague.

"The stronger we are, the less we depend on capitalistic countries and the less we shall pay them." The governments of certain capitalist countries would attempt an armed struggle against the Soviet, but war against the Soviet would only hasten the beginning of the Socialist revolution in other countries. —Reuter.

FASCISM AND THE VATICAN.

"CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT."

Rome, Oct. 16. In reply to the Osservatore Romano's suggestion for a new statement of the Papal position, thus resurrecting the question of independence of the Vatican, the Popolo di Roma, the leading Fascist organ, lays down three conditions of agreement, namely, first of all that no concession from the Italian State be made without a previous understanding with the Holy See with regard to acceptance, secondly that there be previous acknowledgment of Papal territorial sovereignty, no matter how tiny the territory may be, and thirdly that there be no foreign interference. —Reuter.

GERMAN RAILWAY EXPERIMENT.

THIRD-CLASS SLEEPING CARS.

Cologne, Oct. 16. Experiments in putting third-class sleeping carriages on certain main lines have proved so successful, that the authorities have decided to extend the facility immediately, and ultimately to provide third-class sleeping cars all over the country. —Reuter.

DUTCH RAILWAY COLLISION.

OPERATIC COMPANY VICTIMS.

Amsterdam, Oct. 16. Seven persons, including members of a Dutch operative company, were seriously injured in a collision between two electric trains, between Delft and Byswyk.

The prima donna, Madame Van Raalte, and her husband, had narrow escapes. —Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND TRADE DEVELOPMENT.

CUSTOMS TREATIES SOUGHT.

Wellington, Oct. 16. The House of Representatives has passed a Customs Amendment Bill, empowering Ministers to negotiate trade treaties with countries at present taking little of New Zealand's products. —Reuter.

CARDINAL MAGLIONE.

PAPAL NUNCIO AT PARIS.

Paris, Oct. 2. The Journal is informed from Italy that Monsignor Maglione, who has just been made a Cardinal, will return to Paris as Papal nuncio. —Indo-pacific.

A "MYSTERY" SHIP.

URNS OUT TO BE H.M.S. DELHI.

PIRACY FEARS DISPELLED.

Information received this morning fairly well establishes the fact that the mysterious movements of an unknown vessel observed near Bias Bay by the s.s. Hop Sang, during the dark hours of yesterday morning, were those of H.M.S. Delhi, which was cruising in the vicinity on her way to Hongkong.

The local naval authorities have been informed by the command of H.M.S. Delhi that she was in the waters indicated at the time stated by the master of the Jardine steamer.

The observations of the officers of the Hop Sang gave grounds for the fear that another merchant ship had fallen into the hands of the Bias Bay pirates, but up to the moment at any rate, there is no definite news of any vessel being held up and one explanation is forthcoming which might account for the movements of a vessel near the pirates lair.

A wireless message was received from the s.s. Hop Sang early yesterday morning stating that another vessel, after making unusual movements, had headed in the direction of Bias Bay. The ship was too distant for its nationality or anything else to be determined.

The Hop Sang, which was pirated in March on her trip from Swatow to Hongkong, first sighted the mystery ship about 1.40 yesterday morning approaching from the opposite direction. Having passed the Hop Sang on the port bow, the other vessel appeared to pick up Chiling light and then doubled back on its track, following the same course as the Hop Sang. The latter was making about half a knot more speed, and gradually left the mystery ship behind.

Lights Disappear.

About three o'clock the lights on the latter ship went out, leaving the vessel in darkness. As the Hop Sang drew ahead the other turned in the direction of Bias Bay and crossed the Hop Sang's stern. Her lights reappeared, and she was last seen about five o'clock still heading towards the bay.

As a result of these suspicious movements the Hop Sang sent a wireless to Hongkong. The Hop Sang was never nearer than two miles to the other ship and apart from judging that she was a fairly large vessel those on board could not describe her.

Hopsang Master's Story.

Interviewed yesterday, the master of the Hop Sang said, "Between 2.15 and 2.30 a.m. this morning we saw a vessel behaving in a strange manner near Chiling Point. She appeared to be very badly navigated. We called her up and asked her name but received no reply.

"After calling her up several times, the strange vessel switched off her deck lights and only carried her navigation lights. We eventually overhauled and passed her at about 4 a.m. As soon as we passed this vessel we noticed that she altered her course and steered into Bias Bay. When I saw this, I wirelessed to Hongkong and understood since that the wire was received here."

The s.s. Hop Sang arrived from Swatow yesterday and went into Quarantine at 8.30 a.m.

Probable Explanation.

The most probable explanation of the incident, as stated, is that the vessel concerned was H.M.S. Delhi. The warship was on her way down from Shanghai and it is understood that it is customary for warships making this port to look into Bias Bay and see that nothing is amiss. The disappearance of the lights on the unknown ship would therefore be accounted for as a warship may not desire to betray its presence in such a neighbourhood.

From inquiries made it is gathered that there was no sign of any other vessel in Bias Bay.

A Chinese Vessel?

Further information suggests that the vessel reported by the s.s. Hop Sang, as having possibly been pirated, may have been the Chinese vessel Tai Yau, bound from Canton to Swatow.

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AMERICAN LOANS.

COOLIDGE AGAINST NEW LEGISLATION.

New York, Oct. 15. That drastic legislation by Congress to regulate the State Department policy of auctioning and disapproving of foreign loans by American bankers might cause embarrassment is the opinion of President Coolidge, who regards the supervision as purely advisory and authorised by a provision of the Constitution which places the conduct of foreign affairs in the hands of the President.

It is well-known that bankers who have negotiated foreign loans running into millions, have expressed the view that, on the whole Government supervision as exercised up to the present has worked fairly smoothly and they saw no reason for any change.

The loans rejected represented a small figure compared with the huge volume of loans negotiated, which amounted to one billion dollars in one year.

Bankers have adapted themselves to reporting to the State Department in advance loans under consideration and they are willing to continue to co-operate with the Government in this way. —*Reuter's American Service.*

SOVIET SCHEMES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BENEFIT WORKERS.

Leningrad, Oct. 15. In connection with the forthcoming tenth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, the second session of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Republic opened at the Uritsky Palace, Kalinin presiding over 632 members. The city is decorated and beflagged, and the neighbourhood of the Palace is filled with large crowds.

The Committee, in view of the approaching anniversary, resolved *inter alia*, to reduce the industrial workers' working day from eight hours to seven hours within the next few years without a reduction in wages; to increase by fifty million roubles the Budget appropriation for building workers' houses; to reduce taxation on pensions for the poorer peasantry; to abolish capital punishment except for State and Military crimes and armed banditry; and to reduce the sentences of prisoners, except active members of political parties aiming at the overthrow of the Soviet, embezzlers and bribe-takers. —*Reuter.*

FINANCIAL ADVISER.

AMERICAN'S APPOINTMENT TO POLAND.

Washington, Oct. 15. Mr. Charles Dewey, assistant secretary to the Treasury in charge of fiscal affairs has accepted the position of financial adviser to the Polish Government. —*Reuter.*

Warsaw, Oct. 15. Mr. Dewey will be appointed to the board of the Bank of Poland in connexion with the Polish Stabilisation Loan agreement which has just been signed. —*Reuter.*

ROAD COLLISION.

SIXTEEN PASSENGERS KILLED IN AMERICA.

Indianapolis, Oct. 15. Sixteen were killed and 20 injured when a tramcar ran into a trailer of a motorlorry on the outskirts of the city. The trailer was crowded with members of a Masonic recreation society going into the country to attend a barn dance. All were singing when the tramcar dashed in at full speed. —*Reuter's American Service.*

ATLANTIC RESCUE.

AMERICAN GIRL'S COOLNESS.

Horta, Oct. 15. Further graphic details of how the "American Girl" was picked up were related by Capt. Goos when the Barendrecht arrived here. "It was at 7.45 on Thursday morning," said Capt. Goos. "Our position was 43.21, North, 21.39, when we sighted the 'American Girl.' She flew up to us rapidly and dropped a message, which fell on the deck, asking us, 'How far are we from land, and which way?' The message was signed, Ruth Elder. We painted an answer on the deck, saying, 'We are 380 miles from Terceira.' Thereupon the 'American Girl' alighted alongside.

Miss Elder and her companion climbed on top of the aeroplane, and the crew of the Barendrecht rushed to their rescue in one of the ship's boats. On hearing of their position, the aviators decided it was impossible to continue even for the remaining 380 miles, as the gauge showed the oil pressure had dropped to five pounds.

It is understood that Miss Elder and Capt. Hildeman are leaving for Paris via Lisbon aboard the Portuguese mail boat Lima on Monday.

From the Jaws of Death.

Later. All members of the Barendrecht's crew loudly praise Miss Elder's coolness. Her first words after boarding the tanker were, "Thank you very much," and thereafter she produced a lip-stick and calmly used it, oblivious of the fact that she had just stepped from the jaws of death. Her sangfroid made such a deep impression on the crew, that the lip-stick incident was duly noted in the official summary of the rescue given out by the ship's wireless.

The sea was very rough when the "American Girl" came down. When the Barendrecht tried to salvage the plane, the wings broke off and the motor bumped against the ship's side and exploded, showing flames as high as the ship's bridge. The machine sank. Miss Elder's and Capt. Hildeman's passports, parachutes and luggage were all lost. —*Reuter.*

MONOPLANE CRASH.

Five Civilians Killed in American Accident.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 15. A monoplane crashed at the Stinson Field municipal airport this evening when five civilians, including a man, his wife and four-year-old daughter, were killed. —*Reuter.*

UNITY IS STRENGTH.

CENTRAL AFRICAN DOMINION ADVOCATED.

London, Oct. 15. General Northey, who commanded the Northern Force in the East African Campaign in the late war and was afterwards Governor of Kenya, was the guest of honour at a dinner celebrating the campaign. He expressed the view that some sort of amalgamation of East African territories was bound to come. Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar, he thought, ought to be able very shortly to come to some understanding.

It was obvious that if the working of the post and the telegraphs, the police garrison, and the customs could be properly arranged, it would be economical and he certainly hoped it would be done. The more difficult question was what Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland were going to do. Personally, he would like to see the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland joined together as soon as they could decide and he would look forward, in a quarter of a century, to a Central African Dominion. Then the old motto about "unity being strength" would be proved there. —*British Wireless.*

FREIGHTER SUNK.

COLLISION WITH LINER AT NEW YORK.

New York, Oct. 15. The Norwegian freighter Besseggen with a crew of 32 sank in a collision with the outgoing liner Paris in New York harbour.

The Paris lowered a motorboat and helped in the work of rescue and subsequently returned to the wharf.

Twelve of the Besseggen's crew are missing. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Struck Amidships.

New York, Oct. 15. The Besseggen was lying across the channel and in the darkness the Paris struck her amidships, the lifeboats being thrown from the davits. There was no time to don lifebelts and most of those on board, including some women and children, climbed to the upper part of the vessel as the Besseggen listed. Many then jumped into the water and were picked up by boats from the liner and from the shore. Passing ferry boats also assisted in the rescue work. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Official Inquiry.

New York, Oct. 15. Seven persons are still missing as a result of the sinking of the s.s. Besseggen. An official inquiry has been opened.

The captain of the Paris temporarily escaped this inquisition by sailing to France an hour and a half after the disaster, as it was impossible to hold up the mails and passengers. Statements from the captain and others on board the Paris will be taken when the liner returns to New York from France. —*Reuter.*

BRITISH MOTOR TRADE.

THE EXPORT OUTLOOK.

London, Oct. 15. When the series of motor shows, of which that now open at Olympia is the first, come to an end, the Central Association of Motor Manufacturers and Traders will, it is stated in official circles, meet representatives of the export credit section of the Overseas Trade Department in order to discuss possible developments of the system of credits in connexion with the export motor trade. It is explained that a good deal of trade in South America and other countries is at present done on the instalment system. With a few exceptions, it is stated that manufacturers of motor cars do not make such terms with dealers as will enable them to give the long credit, which the instalment system demands. The objects of the conference will be to consider the requirements of the industry so that if any modifications are necessary in the existing regulations, particularly with regard to floating credits, they can be made. —*British Wireless.*

SWATOW COLLISION.

B. AND S. STEAMER AND H.M.S. SOMME INVOLVED.

Swatow, Oct. 15. Total cargo for Hongkong amounted the s.s. Kalgan came into collision with the British destroyer, H.M.S. Somme, both vessels being damaged. There was a strong tide running at the time and as the Kalgan was moving down she fouled the bows of the Somme and then swung round and collided broadside on.

There were two other vessels only a ship's length away but fortunately these were not involved.

P. AND O. BANK.

TAKEN OVER BY CHARTERED BANK.

London, Oct. 15. The Daily Express City Editor understands that the Chartered Bank is taking over the P. and O. Bank at the rate of £10-10s. for each P. and O. Bank fully-paid £10 share, plus the dividend accrued. —*Reuter.*

MILLION HOUSES.

BUILT SINCE THE ARMISTICE.

London, Oct. 15. Official figures published to-day show that over one million houses have been built in England and Wales since the Armistice. The actual number is 1,224,000. Of these 299,000 were completed in the year ended September 30 last, providing accommodation for approximately one million people and no fewer than 52,261 were finished in September alone. These last two figures easily outdo all previous records.

The number completed in September is not far short of the whole yearly output of the pre-war period. It is to some extent due to the fact that the subsidy which has been granted to builders was reduced in respect of houses which were completed after the end of September, so that special efforts were made by builders during that month. The Times considers that the millionth house, wherever it may be, must stand as a silent tribute to the determined endeavour made by the State, by the local authorities and by private enterprise to overcome the arrears of housing accommodation which accumulated during the war.

DIVORCE DECREE.

GRANTED TO CONSTANCE TALMADGE.

London, Oct. 16. The cinema actress, Constance Talmadge, has been granted a divorce in the Court of Session at Edinburgh in the undefended action against Capt. Alastair Mackintosh. —*Reuter.*

Constance's first husband was a rich tobacco manufacturer, John Pinloglou. She and Capt. Mackintosh eloped and then had a friendly separation. They were married in February of last year. Capt. Mackintosh was a personal friend of the Prince of Wales and was formerly aide-de-camp to Lord Willington when he was Governor of Bombay. Petitioner formerly stated that although Capt. Mackintosh was one of the finest gentlemen she had ever met "we like different things and I want my art to be unfettered."

ISLAND REAPPEARS.

BELCHES FORTH STEAM AND LAVA.

Auckland, Oct. 16. Faleon Island, which has reappeared from the sea near the Tonga group as a result of volcanic action, has been under observation by the warship Laburnum for a fortnight. The island is 1730 yards long and 1,430 yards wide, the crater is 305 feet above sea level, belching for one minute every twenty minutes, columns of steam and lava rising to a height of 3,000 feet. —*Reuter.*

TO GO TO PARIS.

MR. ADACHI TO SUCCEED BARON ISHII.

Tokyo, Oct. 15. Though not yet announced, it is understood that Mr. Adachi, Ambassador at Brussels, is succeeding Baron Ishii at Paris and that Mr. Hanihara, ex-Ambassador at Washington, is replacing Adachi. —*Reuter.*



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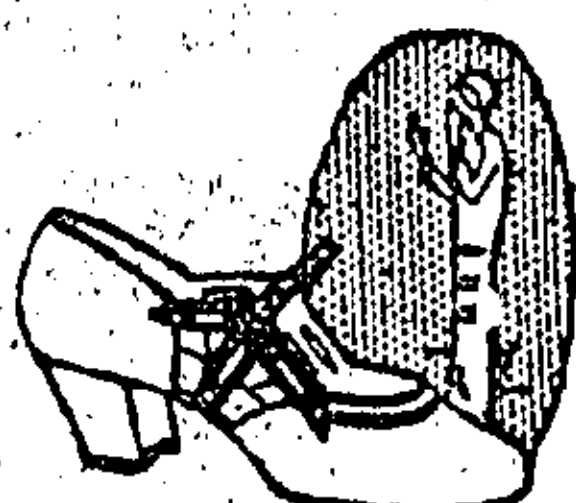
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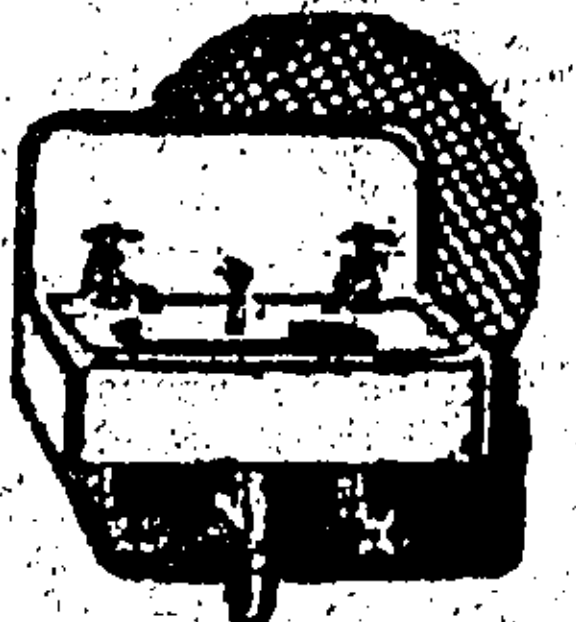
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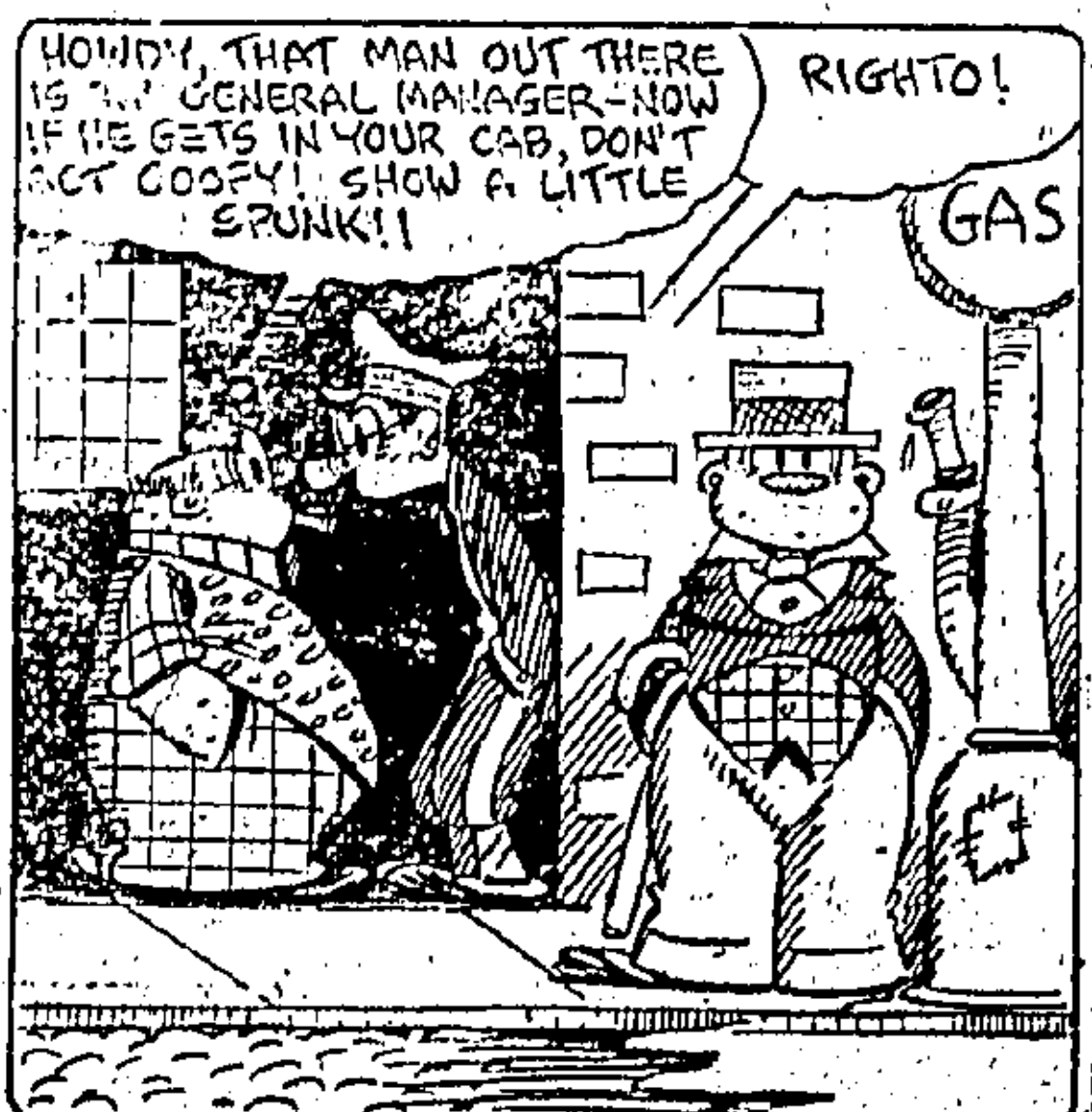
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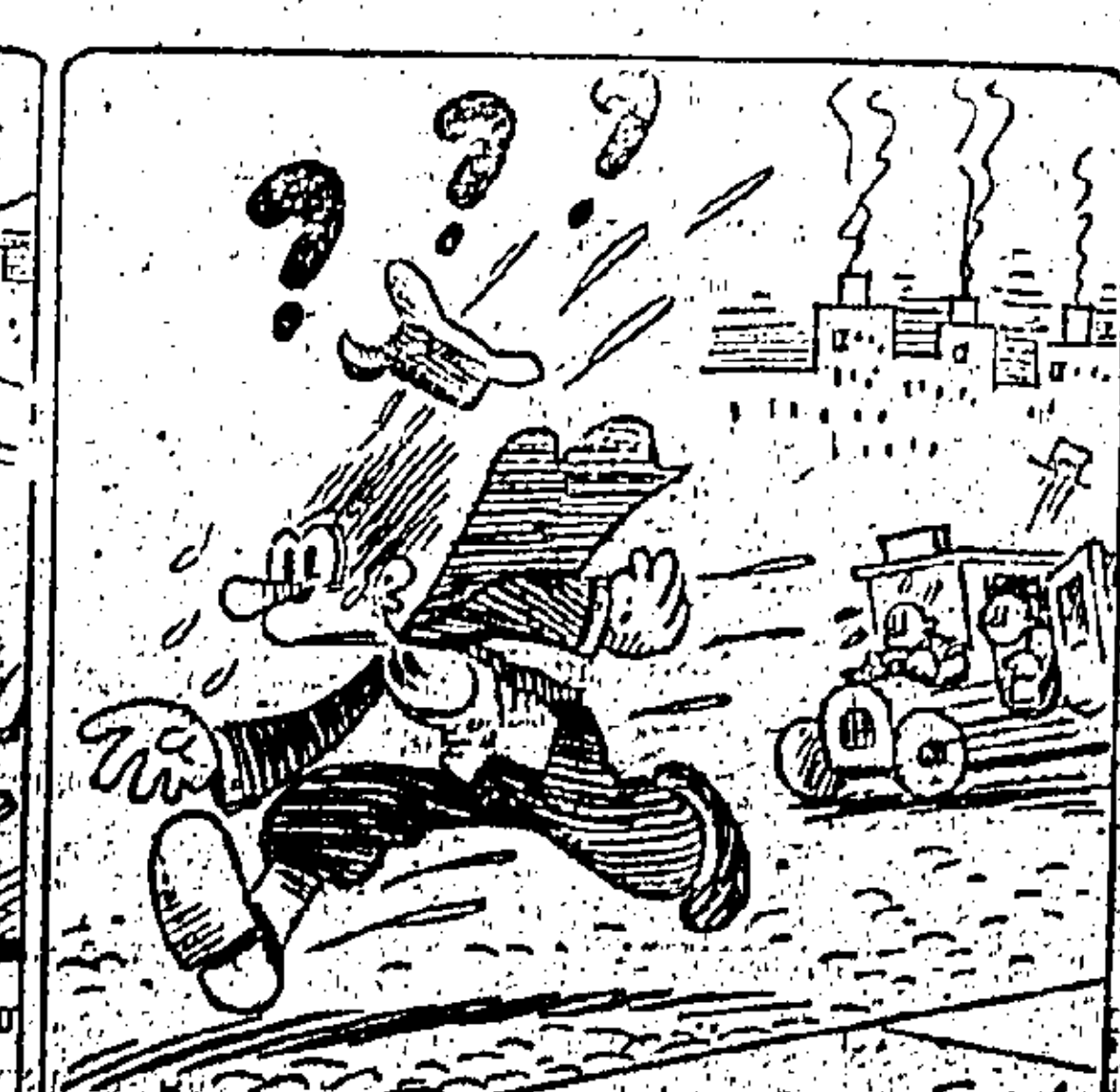
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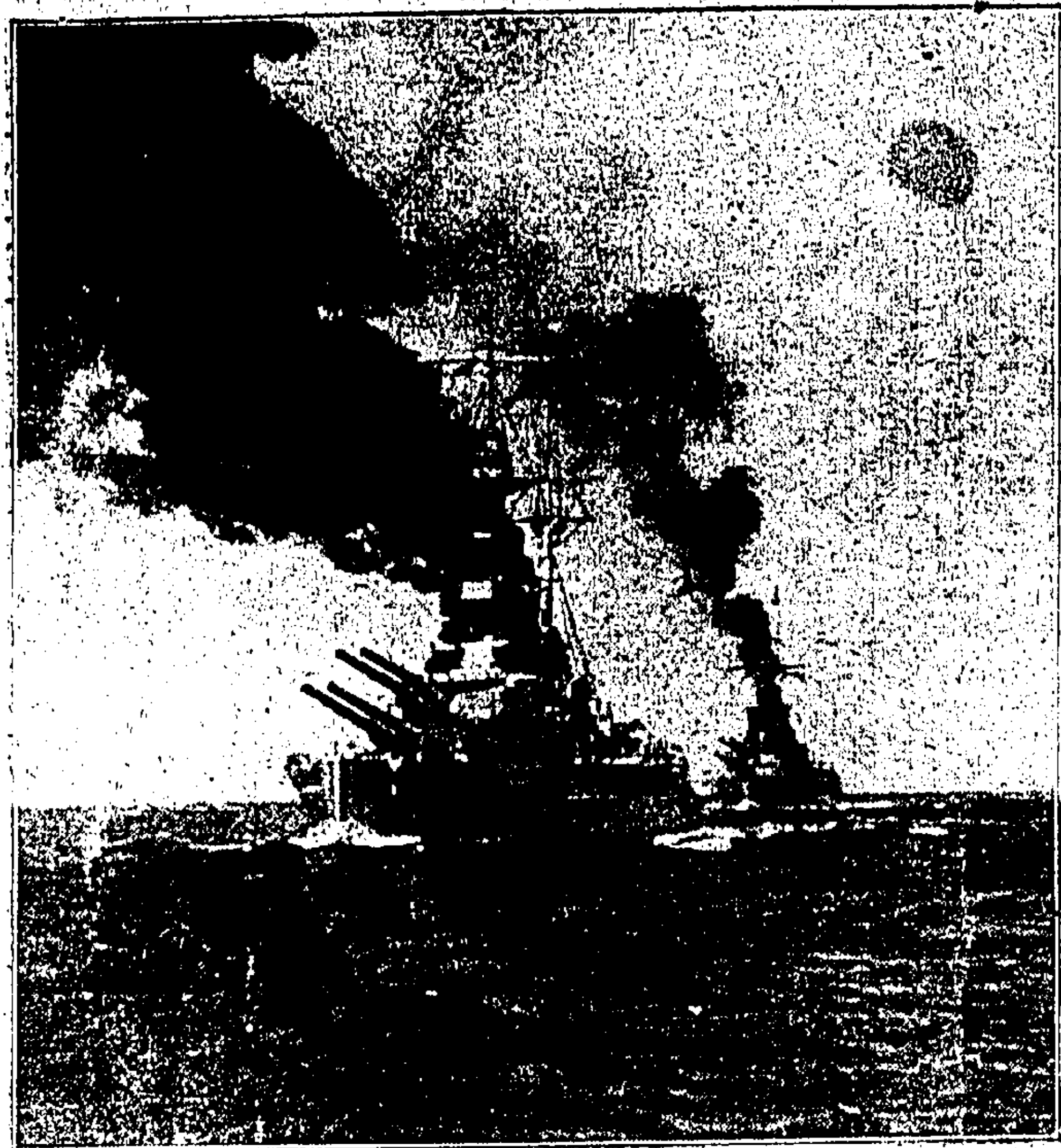


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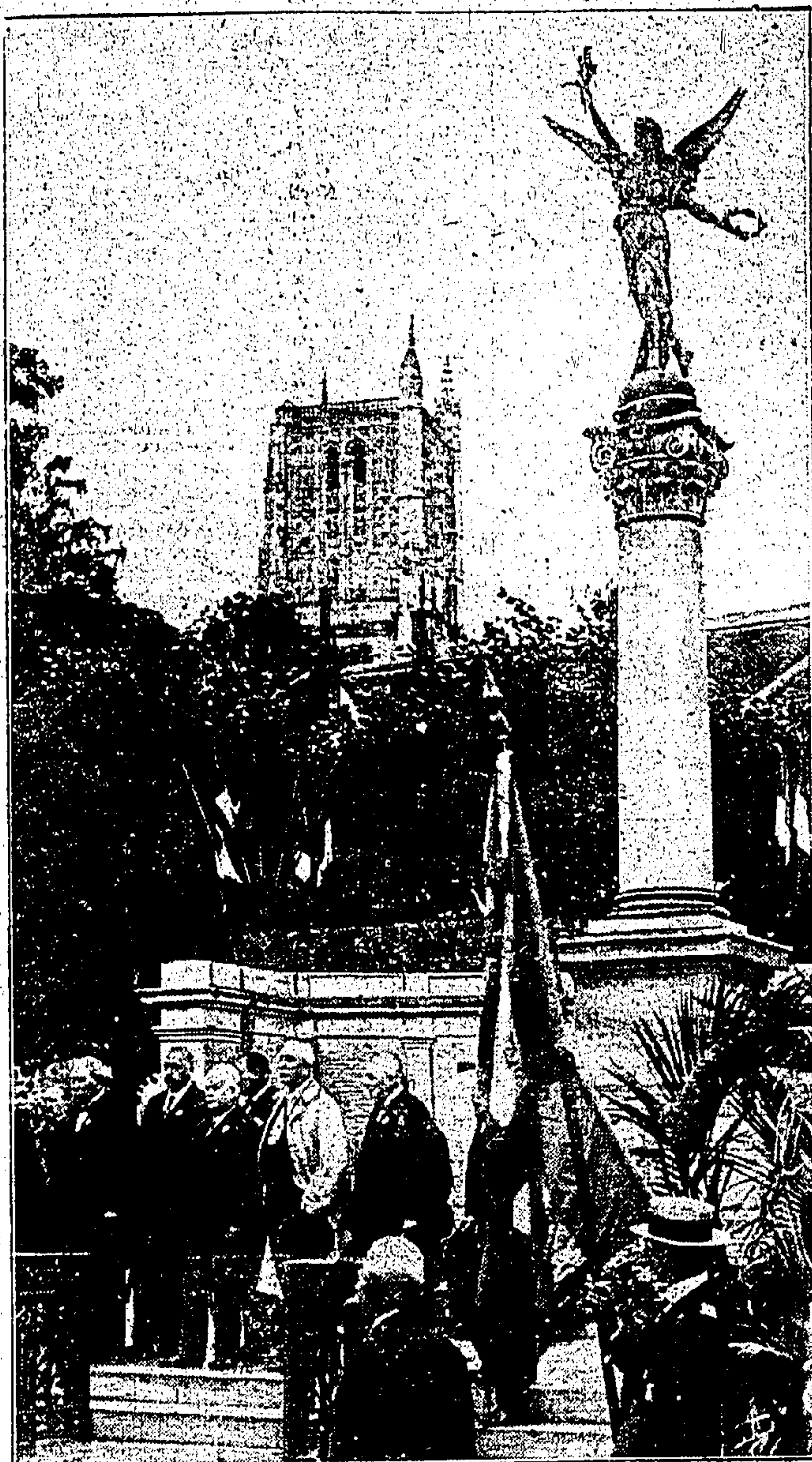




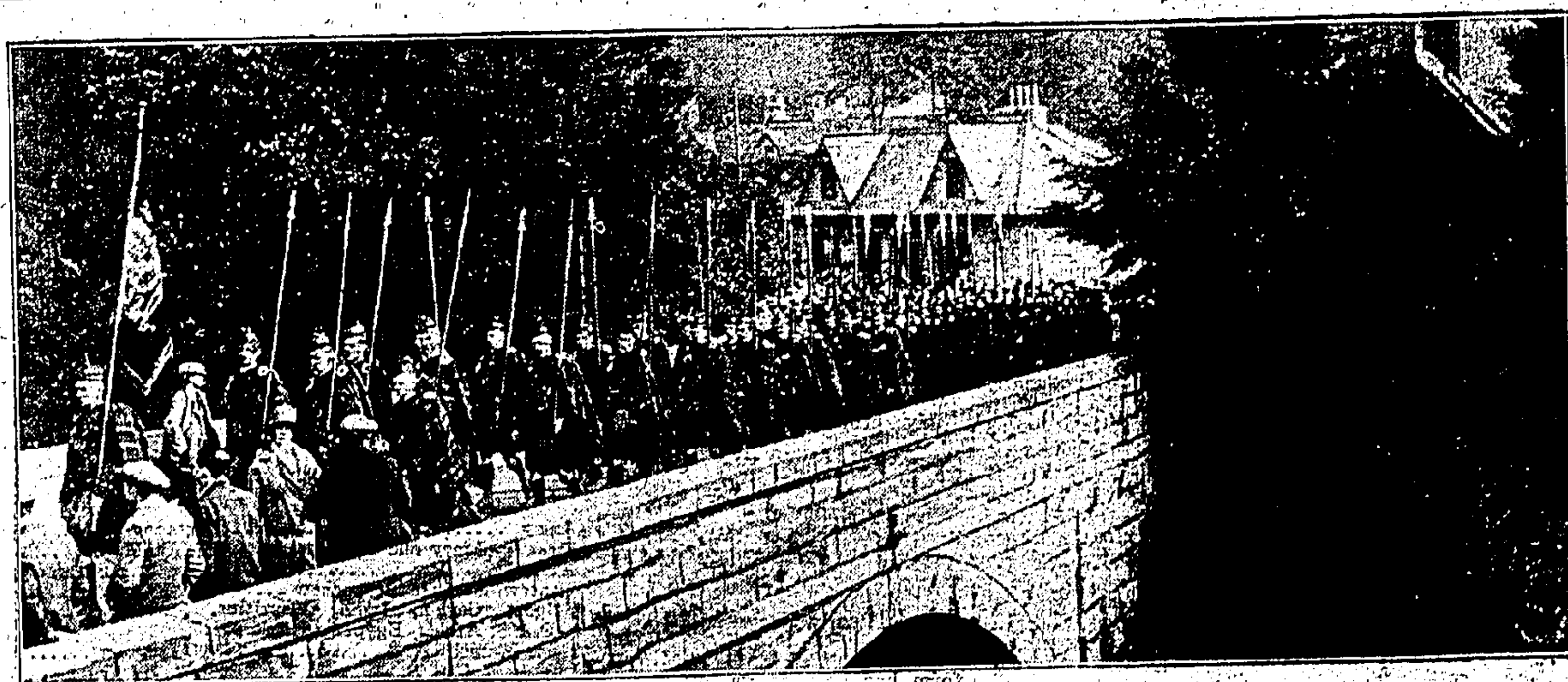
GREAT NAVAL FILM.—The story of the sinking of Admiral Cradock's ships off Coronel in November 1914, and the speedy vengeance exacted by the destruction of Admiral von Spee's squadron by Admiral Sturdee at the victory of the Falkland Islands, is the subject of a great British naval film which is being released shortly. Our picture shows Sturdee's battle-cruisers *Inflexible* and *Invincible* (represented by H. M. S. *Malaya* and H. M. S. *Barham*) in pursuit of von Spee. (Times copyright).



GIVEN HIS ORDERS.—Lord Fisher, the then First Sea Lord, and Admiral Sturdee, another extract from the film showing two of the leading personalities in the above dramatic story. (Times copyright).



FRENCH CELEBRATION AT MEAUX.—The 13th. anniversary of the Battle of the Marne was celebrated at the town of Meaux on September 11. M. Painleve, the Minister of War, heading the official party, which visited the principal war monuments. Our photograph shows the celebrations at the war memorial of Meaux, with the cathedral in the background. General Gouraud is on the left. (Times copyright).



BRAEMAR GATHERING.—The Duff Highlanders crossing the bridge during the march of the clansmen into the Princess Royal Park for the Braemar Gathering. The Gathering was attended by the King and Queen, the Duke and Duchess of York, and other members of the Royal Family. (Times copyright).



SHANGHAI ROTARIAN DINNER.—Rotarians gave a "Fathers and Daughters" Dinner at the Astor House, Shanghai, recently, when the above picture was taken.

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TWO PENCE-A-WEEK
OPERA.SIR BEECHAM'S AMBITIOUS
VENTURE.

LOSS OF £60,000.

Sir Thomas Beecham is shortly to launch a scheme which aims at linking together all the opera lovers in the country. It is to be a sort of League of Opera Lovers, and the membership fee will be 2d. a week, says a Home paper. He hopes to be able to enrol 150,000 and the annual income will come to about £60,000, the figure which Sir Thomas calculates will be the loss on an opera season which he proposes running in London for five months, and a three months tour of the leading cities in the provinces.

Members of the League, by virtue of their contributions, will have the first claim on seats, which, it is hoped, will be half the current prices.

The average price of the seats will be 5s., and to quote Sir Thomas, "for the sum, people will be able to hear the very best opera and the very best singers."

The tour will include Scotland. His last venture.

The following are the chief points of his scheme given in an interview to-day:

Opera is subsidised in foreign countries. It cannot be run in England except at a loss. I think there are only 150,000 opera lovers in Great Britain out of a population of 46,000,000.

The history of opera in every country for the last hundred years, said Sir Thomas, has shown that you cannot have very good opera which shall be given without an immense loss. It is quite hopeless to appeal to the Government, whether it be Conservative, Liberal, or Labour, for funds for music, and I have formed the opinion that what is called the large general public is far too unstable to contribute the continual support necessary for music in this country.

The right source from which permanent support should come is from the minority of real music-lovers scattered all over the country.

The personnel of the operative company will be 95 per cent. British. The finest singers in the world are in the British Empire, notably - Australia. Nine-tenths of the foreign opera had not been heard in this country. It was his aim to introduce the best of the works and also the best of the singers.

This is my last venture to put opera on a proper basis. If the scheme is successful, Sir Thomas explained, with the assistance of some friends and also the League, he intends to build a large opera house in London.

Equal to the Best.

Sir Thomas aims at establishing an operatic institution which will be equal to any in the world. At first, Sir Thomas will rent a large theatre, but if he receives sufficient financial support a special theatre will be built in London for the performances.

If the scheme does not succeed in this country, Sir Thomas will go to the United States, where he says he can put it into operation within seven days. He intends to appeal to music lovers next month, and if sufficient support is forthcoming, he will put on his first opera next spring, and he will try the scheme for probationary five years as a start. His programmes will take the form of bringing in more and more operas that have never before been heard in this country.

According to the *Daily Sketch*, the new opera house will be a centre of music, a rendezvous, and a restaurant. The site is available, the plans are ready, the money is ready, and Sir Thomas Beecham is ready.

All through the summer, since he made his dramatic promise of the biggest thing he has attempt-

SPAIN'S NEW ROAD
PROPOSALS.TRACKS FOR MOTOR CARS
ONLY.

Madrid, Sept. 28.

Two draft proposals for the construction of a track 250 miles long and 40 feet wide, for the exclusive use of motor cars from Madrid to Valencia and from Gijon to Oviedo will immediately be submitted to the commission.

The track from Madrid to Irún, which concession was recently granted, will reduce the distance between Madrid and the French frontier by about 125 miles compared with the ordinary road.

The time of transit will be reduced to five hours for touring cars and to between eight and ten hours for passenger-carrying motor cars. The cost is estimated at 249 million pesetas.

It is expected that the track will be completed in five years.

UNION CHURCH
PASTORATE.

LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSOR

The current issue of the *Union Church Record* contains the following:-

As the term of the Revd. J. Kirk Macdonald's tenure of the pastorate is drawing to a close a meeting of seatholders was held on Friday, 12th August to consider what procedure should be adopted with regard to the future.

Mr. E. Bamfield Cubey presided and outlined the position and after due consideration it was agreed that the Chairman and Messrs. J. L. McPherson and G. M. Shaw be appointed to interview Mr. Macdonald and request his continuance for some time longer, so that any change could be made in the autumn instead of the spring, as that appears to be a better time for a new pastor to begin his duties, and to make whatever arrangements were mutually satisfactory.

Mr. Macdonald has willingly assented to this course and the Committee will enter into negotiations in due course for the engagement of a pastor to arrive if possible next autumn.

THE QUEEN'S.

AN ENTERTAINING COMEDY.

A comedy which is rather impossible though decidedly entertaining, "Miss Brewster's Millions," screened for the first time at the Queen's yesterday, depicts Miss Bebe Daniels in a role such as those which have won for her general recognition of high talent.

As the poor girl who has been suddenly given a million dollars to spend, and that in the quickest possible time, she is seen plunging from one reckless extravagance to another, with results which are sometimes totally unexpected. She does what a poor girl who has been suddenly given money to spend, would do, only with this difference, that she does everything wholesale, so to speak, of course, in the end love comes as a steady influence, and everything ends happily, as usual.

Together with a Gaumont Gazette and an Aesop's Fable, "Brewster's Millions" is in the programme which will be repeated to-day.

ed yet, Sir Thomas has been maturing his plans. They are now (the *Daily Sketch* understands) ripe for announcement. It is a well-known belief of Sir Thomas's that Britain is rich enough to afford music, and ought to afford music. He is prepared to go to any lengths for the art he loves. Every one knows what he has done in the past. This time he purposes to eclipse all that he has done before.

IT ALL DEPENDS
ON FASHION.HOW CHANGING STYLES UPSET
MANY TRADES.

LACE WORKERS IN POVERTY.

Changing fashions contribute to the complication of the unemployment problem so much so that a speaker at the Welfare Conference at Oxford suggested an insurance scheme to ensure continuity of employment.

The man who leaves off woollen underwear and cashmere socks for silk, and the woman who uses elastic for her frock and lingerie instead of buttons and hooks and eyes, unconsciously add to the difficulty.

Half the men and girl workers in the lace factories in Nottingham are reduced to the depths of poverty because women buy not and casement curtains now instead of the lace ones which were so popular ten years ago, said the head of one of the largest wholesale distributing agents in London to the Press Association, woman representative to-day.

The straw hats which men used to wear have faded out of existence in the last year or two, a West End hatter said, and I hear nothing else from travellers who come here from Luton and Bedfordshire but stories of distress, not only of the factory workers who are on short time or out of employment altogether, but of the home-workers too.

The sweated workers in the back streets of Birmingham, who used to card hooks and eyes and put a hundred hairpins into a little cardboard box, have had to look for different trades.

Women simply will not buy clothes or underwear with fastenings these days, said a buyer in one of the large drapery establishments. Everything must slip on quickly and easily, and it is only the very old-fashioned women, getting on in years, who ask for things which hook or button.

No More Hairpins.

Modern hairdressing has done away with the hairpin and the hair net. Tiny invisible pins are still bought a good deal, said a hairdresser, but I haven't a box of the ordinary ones in my place. It must be months since we were asked for them.

Knitting skill for making jumpers was one of our principal branches of work after the war until a year or so ago, a knitting wool and silk manufacturer said. Now not one woman in a hundred knits a silk jumper. The craze has died out, and the girls who used to work in our knitting silk factory have had to go. We absorb a few, of course, into other parts of the works, but nothing like the number we originally employed.

Bead embroidery on frocks enabled us to keep a great many girls hard at work the last three winters, but I doubt if we shall want them this year, a dressmaker said. Bead embroidery is not so fashionable as it was. It has been superseded, and so our bead workers will have to go.

The use of artificial silk by girls and women in every walk of life has made a vast difference to the cotton and woollen industries.

The shorter shirt has meant lost work for many in the Bradford textile factories.

There are practically no veil-makers these days.

The Whitby jet industry has been dying for several years—jet is too heavy for present-day fashion, and sequins are made of dyed gelatine. Buttons, a manufacturer said, vary from season to season. If one of the Paris dressmakers uses them we are in for a few weeks' rush. If he doesn't, then our people have to go on short time or be dismissed altogether. It depends upon the fashion.

DROWNING TRAGEDY
IN INDIA.AMERICAN NURSE'S GALLANT
ACTION.

Bombay, Oct. 3.

A drowning tragedy occurred at Vingurla, on the Bombay coast line, about 200 miles south of the city, when Miss Rebentisch, the Sister-in-Charge of the Vingurla American Mission Hospital, lost her life.

It appears that a few days ago a small group of missionaries, including ladies, went for a bath in the sea. Among them was Dr. R. H. Goheen, M.D., the chief of the hospital, and one of the leading surgeons in Western India.

After swimming for some time, the party got separated, and Dr. Goheen, in attempting to rejoin the group, lost his bearings and cried for help. Miss Rebentisch rushed to the rescue, but before she could approach him, was washed away by a huge wave.

Mrs. Goheen, who was on the shore, seeing the bathers' predicament, got the fishermen to go out in their boats.

Dr. Goheen was rescued in time in an unconscious condition, but Miss Rebentisch could not be found.

Some time later the body was recovered, but life was extinct. Miss Rebentisch had served in the Mission Hospital as a Nursing Superintendent for over 19 years.

The funeral was attended by about 4,000 persons and the homage paid was the most touching ever witnessed in the district.

FAIR AT SAIGON.

GROWING RUBBER OUTPUT.

We have received from the local branch of the Assurance Franco-Asiatique, one of a number of leaflets and pamphlets issued in connexion with the First Annual Fair of Cochinchina, which is to be held on the 17th December and continued for one month, up till the 15th January, 1928, at Saigon. Apparently inspired by a similar Fair now held annually at Hanoi, the capital of French Indo-China, the Saigon Fair will be in the nature of an exposition of the natural resources of the country. An interesting exhibit which it is hoped to see at the Fair will be rubber of high quality, which after over ten years of cultivation, is now being tapped in fair quantities in the country for the needs of the automobile and other manufacturers in France.

The extensive cultivation of rubber, sugar-cane, coffee and other tropical products in French Indo-China is in keeping with the policy ushered in by a late Governor-General of making France independent of foreign supplies by the fullest utilisation of the productivity of her colonies.

A MACHINE-GUN AND
REVOLVERS.USED BY CALIFORNIAN BANK
ROBBERS.

Los Angeles, Oct. 2.

The extent to which modern bank robbers are willing to go to attain their ends was demonstrated here when a number of men drove up to a bank in a handsome touring car, set up a machine-gun and proceeded to spray the bank with bullets.

Under this barrage, several robbers entered the bank, took 5,000 dollars, rapped the heads of the cashier and a woman clerk with the butts of revolvers, and decamped.

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.BLINDNESS REDUCED BY
PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS.

EFFECTS OF CARE.

One of the saddest spectacles in the afflictions of mankind is early blindness caused by improper care of the eyes in new-born infants.

The National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness has been giving attention to this subject for many years, and reports that the amount of blindness for 1926—due to the infection of the eyes in childbirth—was 12.9 per cent, a gradual reduction from 23 per cent, in 1908 to 1912.

The venereal diseases continue to be responsible, however, for most of the blindness from which human beings suffer, since other general conditions are responsible for loss of sight besides that which causes the common type of blindness of infancy.

One of the most important steps in preventing defective vision has been the establishment of pre-school eye clinics, particularly in New York. Children are brought to these kindergartens or clinics before they are ready to begin their education. In this manner thousands of cases of bad eyesight are detected, and the children provided with suitable eyeglasses, or their infectious diseases of the eye cured before they undertake the burden upon the sight.

It has been estimated that at least 5,000 sight-saving clinics will be necessary to accommodate all the children of the country, whereas thus far there are approximately only 234 available.

Recently Noguchi, the celebrated Japanese investigator of the Rockefeller Institute, announced the discovery of a bacterial organism which he believes is responsible for the disease of the eyes known as trachoma. While this discovery has not as yet been confirmed by other investigators, the evidence presented was so convincing that competent specialists in diseases of the eye are willing to accept it at its face value. If the organism can be confirmed as the actual cause of this disease, thousands of cases of blindness will be prevented through the application of this knowledge to the control of trachoma.

Industries are beginning to give attention to eye hazards, associated with various occupations. The wearing of suitable glasses by those working on machines from which fragments sometimes fly into the eyes has prevented thousands of cases of blindness. In this, as in many other forms of disease prevention, education of the public is the essential step. More and more people are beginning to realize that a moment's thought concerning the prevention of disease may be the means of savings hours of illness and vast sums of money spent for relief or cure.

TRAGIC DRAMA OF
THE SEA.CAPTAIN AND WIRELESS MAN
MURDERED.

Paris, Oct. 1.

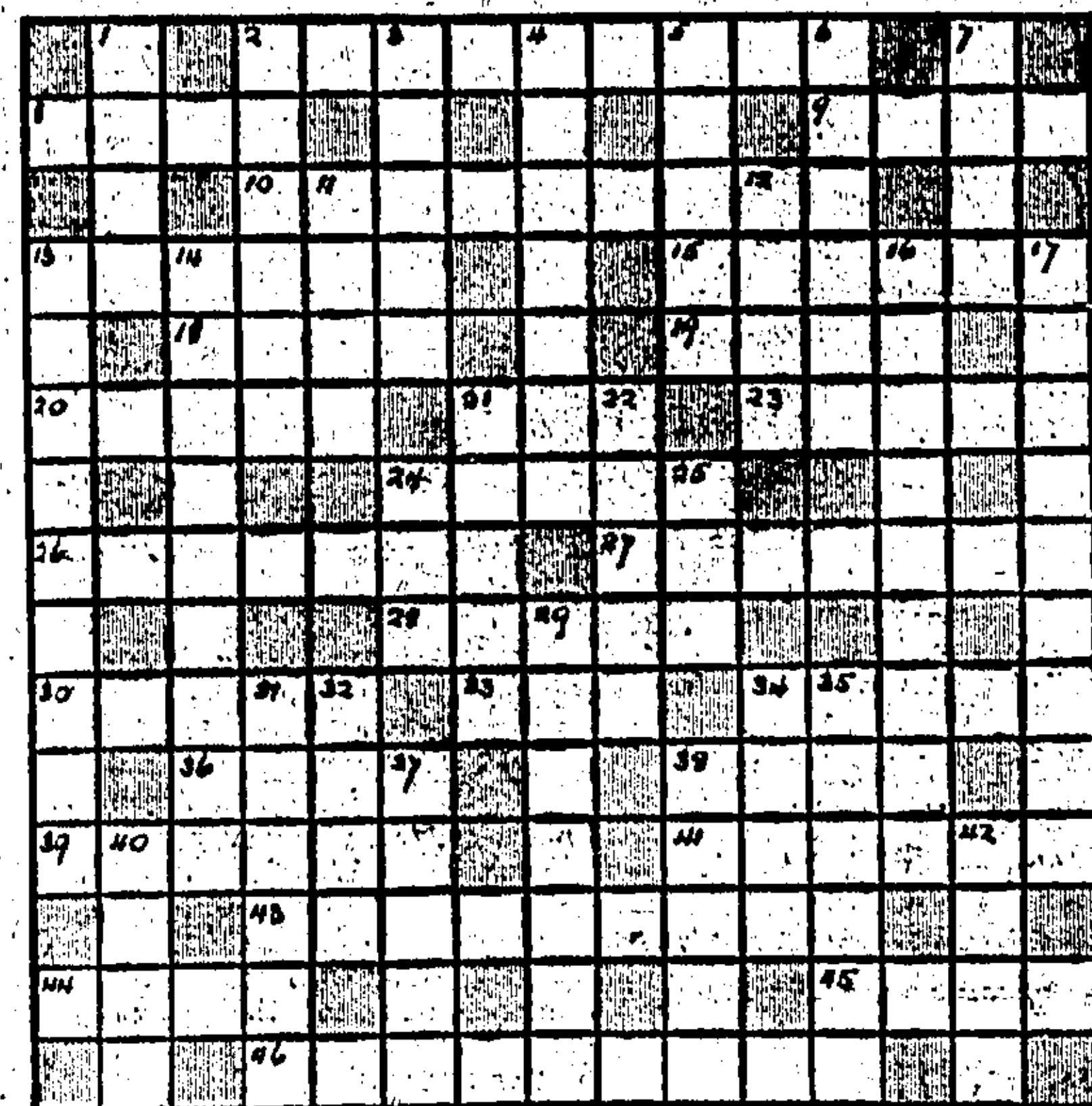
A tragic drama of the tropics is revealed in a report from French West Africa.

As the French cargo steamer "Beau Soleil" was approaching the Gabon coast on September 25th, the second mate mounted the bridge, and, without uttering a word, shot the captain dead with a revolver, also the wireless operator, who rushed up on hearing the shot.

The second mate then jumped into the sea and was drowned. The chief engineer had died some days before of a mysterious complaint which nobody was able to diagnose.

Being short of officers, the "Beau Soleil" took refuge in the nearest port.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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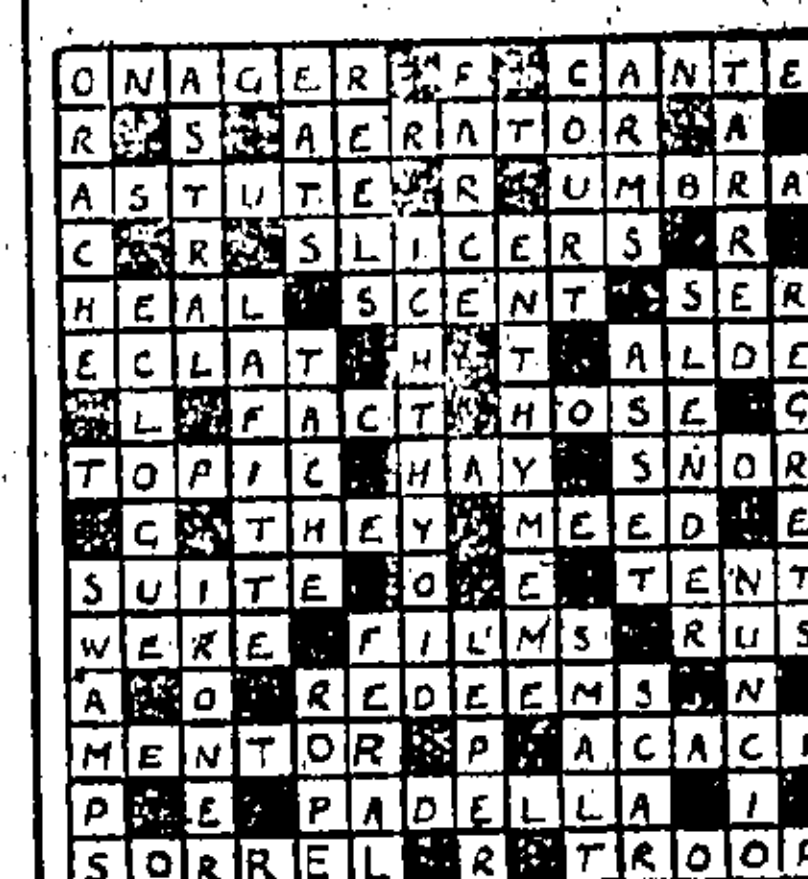
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- 23 Chinese coins.
- 24 Two bushel measure.
- 26 Body of scientific rules.
- 27 Laments the loss of.
- 28 Occupies space.
- 30 Residences.
- 32 Division of Kent.
- 33 Skilled crafts.
- 38 Wither.
- 39 Hereditary.
- 41 Heaps of stones.
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- 43 For fear that.
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- 1 Drend.
- 2 Reply.
- 3 Shaves off.
- 4 Adherent of the atomic theory.
- 5 Cause moral improvement.
- 6 Chain of hills.
- 7 Turkish official.
- 11 Largest continent.
- 12 Noise of a horn.

- 13 Act of betrothing.
- 14 Member of secret Irish society.
- 16 Yeoman of the Royal Guard.
- 17 Calamities.
- 21 Female relatives.
- 22 Skin-fint.
- 24 Gardening instrument.
- 25 Pronoun.
- 29 Heaved.
- 31 Bulls.
- 32 Heavenly orb.
- 34 Meadows.
- 35 Ascends.
- 7 Forms roof of certain houses.
- 88 Stage.
- 40 Notion.
- 42 Used by carpenters.

Saturday's Puzzle.

THE NEW FORM OF
PALMISTRY.DISEASES DIAGNOSED
FROM THE HANDS.

The remarkable claim that not only character, but signs of health and disease are manifested in the lines of the hand, is made by Mr. Noel Jaquin, an expert in the science of hand reading, in an article entitled "The Newest Wonder of Hand Reading," which he contributes to the September *Pearson's Magazine*.

Medical science, writes Mr. Jaquin, has always noted the colour and shape of the finger-nails in certain diseases, but not until recent years has any serious consideration been given to the actual lines of the hand as what I may call nerve indications and physical troubles. Facial characteristics express broadly the mind of the individual, and in some cases clearly denote the presence of disease, but the hand gives a far more complete and detailed expression. The marks in the hand are neither the result of chance nor are they caused by the action of opening and closing the hand. They are the result of nervous reflex action, the nerves reacting to emotion.

The sense of touch is the most highly developed of the physical senses, and in the exercising of this sense the hand is mostly used. Therefore, it naturally follows, the nerves connecting hand and brain are among the most highly developed, the most sensitive and the most responsive.

Disease is caused through toxins created by bacterial activity or by poisons taken with or in the form of food. These poisons affect the sensitive nerves first, causing involuntary action to take place, as in the contraction or expansion of the nerve ends in the hand. This explains briefly, how the hand becomes marked, and why. By many years of studying these markings, we are now able to identify certain marks with certain diseases.

Scientific palmistry aims at prevention of disease by observing the danger signal in the hand which are automatically created through the mediation of the nervous system. Now, success or failure in life is dependent to a very great extent upon the combination of health and character. Success or failure more often comes from within than from without. Therefore, the science, valuable to the adult, is doubly so in the case of the child.

The hand of the child reveals the developing mind with all its latent potentialities for good or evil; and also its fitness, both physical and mental, for any definite career. This knowledge given by the hand should form a most valuable guide in the training of a child because a scientific survey of the hand can prevent mistakes in the choice of a career.

At the Isle of Wight Bench the other day, Lady Pertersham was fined £20 and £1 7s. costs on four summonses for driving a motor to the common danger and crossing Yarr Bridge, Yarmouth, without paying the bridge toll on August 6. Her driving licence was suspended for six months.

By Blosser

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Oscar's Uncle Clem



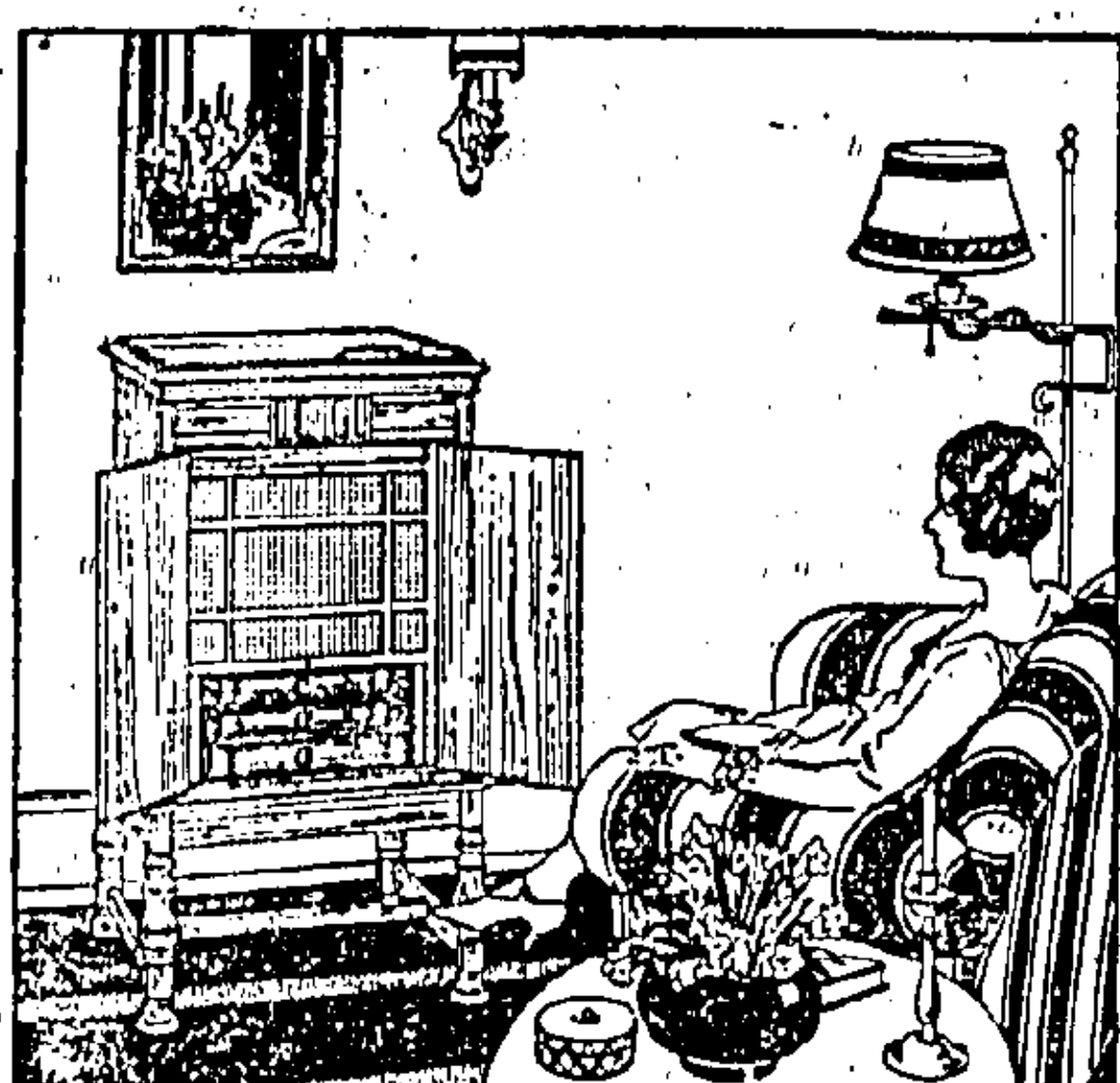
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IN CANTON NOW.

While the outside observer takes a wide perspective in viewing China as a whole, and sees therein a sad combination of strife and drift, one has occasionally to narrow down the vision and consider particular parts of the country which call for attention. One place which, particularly now, calls for special concern, is Canton—the great city of the South, the fountainhead of so much connected with the Revolution and the establishment of the Republic, and the point of origin of the present campaign against the North. It is true that the Nationalists moved their headquarters first to Hankow and then to Nanking, but their spiritual home must remain in Canton, and it may well be that what Canton thinks to-day, the Kuomintang will be thinking to-morrow. There is no guarantee that Central China will always be associated with the party founded by Dr. Sun Yat-sen. There are warlords higher up the Yangtze, and to the north, whose ambitions may at some future date over-rule their possible adherence to peace pacts, and in the final stand of Nationalism, the southern city will always be the safest of havens, and ever ready as a starting point for new campaigns. Yet, when we look at Canton as it is to-day, we find the place almost effaced, in the background of Kuomintang politics and militarism alike. Whether it adheres more to Wuhan than to Nanking is not clear. What its policy of the morrow is to be, no one perhaps can say. Two commanders are nominally in control, and either may at any moment assume sole charge. No wonder that rumour is busy, and that the rest of China has to turn occasionally to Kwangtung for discernment as to the trend of events.

But in looking at Canton now, we see more a city of unrest, of unruly elements, than a year back. The past three weeks have witnessed much revolutionary movement, with outbreaks at Swatow, and proof that all is not well within the Southern camp. More recently, Canton has exhibited signs of reverting to the almost anarchistic days of "anti-Imperialism," and the radicals have come again into the picture. There was reference last week to evidence of a return of anti-foreignism, apparently unchecked by those supposed to be in authority. Apart from that, a few weeks ago saw the high-handed action by the militarists in forcing the merchant classes to contribute to the treasury. Naturally, strained relations exist among the Cantonese

themselves. Now we have added the possibility of the inhabitants of the city being called upon to take sides. There is rule within rule, apparently, with the result that in the long run there is very little rule. The outbreak by extremists of the notorious seamen's union is a case in point, of what can happen when no-one rules adequately. Yet there is also a suspicion that those who could, do not desire to effect any better control of the agitators. It may be that these people are required to play their part in whatever plans are afoot. Nevertheless, it all tends to strengthen the impression that Canton's much-advised "reform" of administration is still a very long way from likely accomplishment.

Something Wrong.

We would like to make further, and editorial, reference to the fact that, as reported by us on Friday last, the military authorities have withheld from us all information of the circumstances attending the death of two Indian soldiers who were killed on Stonecutters on the night of September 27th, apart from confirming the bare fact that the men were killed by a "blow back" of the 6-inch gun on which they were engaged in firing practice. We do not doubt for a moment but that the military authorities have, as is their wont, made the fullest enquiry themselves into the matter and that they have taken whatever steps, if any, might have been discovered necessary to prevent the repetition of such an accident. But (and our local military authorities are sometimes apt to forget this) the general public has a right to know certain things about the naval and military services it maintains for its own protection. It has, for example a right to know that soldiers are not carelessly exposed to danger of death when practising with guns or firearms of any kind, and when a sad tragedy occurs like that at Stonecutters on September 27th, the public has a right to know the circumstances surrounding that tragedy. When a submarine sinks there is an enquiry at which the public and Press have a right to attend; when a Court Martial is held and a serviceman's record is at stake, the public and Press have a right to be present. That right is part of our British system of justice, because there must be no "hole in the corner" methods. An accused man has the right of public hearing. And when two Indian soldiers are hurled to their death by something that went wrong during firing practice, the public has a right to know what that something was, and the dead men's comrades have a right to know also. But military "red tape" and officiousness is, in this instance depriving the public of its rights, and we conceive it to be our duty to say so quite openly. We asked for permission to land on Stonecutters to go to the enquiry and that was refused and we have since applied repeatedly for an account of the enquiry and its finding and we have been told that it is not for publication. We have never been given an official account of the accident. Two men have been killed, and that, apparently, is all that we are allowed to know. We suggest that there is something wrong somewhere.

OBITUARY.

DISTINGUISHED ARMY MEDICAL OFFICER.

The death has occurred of Major-General Sir William Grant Macpherson. Major-General Macpherson, late of the Army Medical Service, was born in Ross-shire, in 1858, and was educated at Fettes College, at Edinburgh University, and then in Germany. His whole service has been with the medical department of the army, and he had much to do with commissions appointed to go abroad, for example to Morocco. His Eastern service included attachment to the Japanese army in the Russo-Japanese war, and he was also at the time senior medical officer of the North China Command. After that he served abroad, and in other parts of the Empire, with much distinction, and saw service in the Great War, being mentioned in despatches nine times. His degrees in the medical line were an imposing list, and his honours included the K.C.M.G., C.B., and Italian, American and Japanese decorations. The late Major-General Macpherson was editor-in-chief of the Official Medical History of the War. Some of his later service was at the War Office, in connexion with the medical services.

The s.s. Indo-China, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company arriving from Canton has made the port to effect repairs, and is now berthed at Bailey's yard.

DAY BY DAY.

CHEERFULNESS IS HEALTH; THE OPPOSITE, MELANCHOLY, IS DISEASE. —Halderton.

Three were no reports of notable disease over the week-end.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N. E. winds, fresh; fine.

The m.v. Esquiline (Dodwell and Co.) from Shanghai is expected here to-morrow.

The s.s. Empress of Asia left Vancouver on Thursday last and is due here on October 31st.

Mr. J. P. Beattie, one of the Sunning piracy heroes, has been transferred from the s.s. Taishan to the s.s. Kiangsu.

The Chinese who was recently reported to have escaped from the Police Station at Cheungchau, has been recaptured.

The m.v. Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on the 30th, September, and is due here on or about the 8th November.

A Chinese, who fell off the new bridge now under construction at Tai-po Kau was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital on Saturday, with injuries to his head.

The s.s. President Taft, arriving from the U. S. and Japan this morning, carried a heavy mail, consisting of 399 bags. This was distributed during the forenoon.

The manager of a rattan shop at No. 1 Sui Sheung Fong Street, has reported to the police that a fox has disappeared, taking with him a sum of \$2,817 collected from various customers.

The Hop Sang, arriving from the north, reports sighting a mast, probably of a sunken junk, projecting 25 feet above water and attached to wreckage beneath the surface, in Latitude 31.43 North, Longitude 122.23 East.

Running across the street in front of the car, a Chinese boy was injured during the week-end, through being knocked down by Mr. Brooks' car. The accident occurred in the main street of Shaikwan, the boy being taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Six Chinese, who are believed to be amongst the detachment of "Red" soldiers who recently arrived at Shaikwan in a junk, were taken into custody on Saturday, after being found wandering in the streets of Shaikwan. Like the others, they will be deported to Canton.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 12 departures, of which five and three respectively were British, leaving 69 vessels in harbour of which 20 were British. Cargoes were generally low, with the best inward Dutch and the best through Japanese.

An entry in the official log of the s.s. President Taft, arriving from the U.S. via ports this morning, is as follows: Wednesday, September 28th, 1927, Latitude 49.46' N., Longitude 180.02' W., a female child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee. Dr. Wintermute, ship's surgeon, states that the mother and child are doing nicely.

The Criminal Sessions commence at the Supreme Court to-morrow morning, when the case concerning the attempted robbery at a house in Lai-chikok Road, in which an alleged escaping robber was shot, will be heard. There is one prisoner, Tang Sang, and he will be tried on charges of assault by two or more with intent to rob, and common assault. The case will be heard by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood.

A leakage in the gasoline tank of motor bus No. 80, belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, caused the car, which was on its way from the Kowloon ferry to Shumshui, to catch fire just outside the Yau-mati Government School at Yau-mati. The driver was not aware that there was a leakage at the tank until the blaze started. When the alarm was given two fire appliances arrived on the scene and succeeded in stopping the fire without difficulty. There were no passengers on the car at the time.

Mr. R. B. Salisbury and his new London company arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon aboard the Fushima Maru. This is the first time that a company has come direct from London to Hongkong and Mr. Salisbury's enterprise should be rewarded by large audiences. The repertoire consists of the latest London running successes and also includes many old favourites like "No. No. Nanette," and "The Ghost Train." "One Dam Thing after Another," which the company will present, is breaking all records at the Pavilion Theatre, London, and has proved Mr. C. B. Cochran's biggest success of his career.

GUILTY, WITH A RESERVATION.

CARGO-BEAT MASTER FINED.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Ho, the master of a cargo boat, charged with making fast alongside the s.s. Chung On, while that vessel was under way, pleaded guilty, but stated that the vessel had already a line out to the shore when the alleged offence occurred.

His Worship asked the accused, why, under such circumstances, he pleaded guilty, but received only ambiguous answers. Asked if he understood the charge, the accused admitted that he did, since he considered that the charge related to his being made fast alongside the vessel. "I pleaded guilty," he concluded.

"Why all this claptrap about the ship being already fast then?" asked his Worship. "A fine of \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment, was inflicted."

ARMED ROBBERIES.

VISIT KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

A farmer living at No. 11 Loong Chau Cheng, in the Kowloon City district, has reported to the police that he was visited by armed robbers last night.

They entered through a door which was left open, and after bundling all the family into the cockpit, took a bunch of keys from the farmer, with which they attempted to open the safe.

On being assured that the key of the safe was not amongst the ones taken, but was with a man who was absent from the house, the robbers finally gave up further attempts to open the safe, and went away with only \$10.

In his report to the local police station, the farmer said that the robbers, who appeared to be Hakkas, were armed with revolvers.

WASH AMAH CHARGED.

ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.

Recently, a Chinese woman was sent to prison and subsequently deported from the Colony on a charge of keeping an immoral establishment in Wing Shing Street.

Before she went into prison she is stated to have handed a cheque for \$1,250 and some pieces of jewellery to a wash-amah to keep for her. The latter is now alleged to have cashed the cheque and appropriated the money and jewellery for her own use; and this morning appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell on those charges.

A man who is stated to be a nephew of the amah, was also jointly charged with the woman. Both were remanded on a police application.

YOUNG KING OF ANNAM.

Paris, Oct. 3. His Majesty Bao-Dai, the young Emperor of Annam, who succeeded to the throne on the death of his father H. M. Khai-Dinh, last year, has returned to Paris with suite.

The Emperor is resuming his European education at the Lycee Condorcet.—Indo-pacific.

"RED" RUSSIAN POLITICS.

TROTSKY TO BE BARRED.

Paris, Oct. 2. The Executive Committee of the Third Internationale has unanimously voted for the exclusion of Trotsky and Voujevitch. Borodin has arrived at Verkh-noudinsk from Urga.—Indo-pacific.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Oct. 6.	
Paris	124.075
New York	487.3/32
Brussels	34.99
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.10
Milan	89.125
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.085
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslø	18.51
Oslo	24.516
Prague	193.20
Helsingfors	28.36
Madrid	2.20/64
Lisbon	307
Athens	307
Bucharest	703
Rio	5.57/04
Buenos Aires	47.23/32
Bombay	1/15/16
Hongkong	1/11/16
Yokohama	1/10/16
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25.18/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

A boy went into a stationer's shop and asked for a penny bottle of gum. On receiving the gum he said he had made a mistake and wanted a penny bottle of ink. The ink was given him, whereupon the lad gave back the gum and was walking out when the shopman called him, "How about paying for that ink, laddie?" said the shopman. "I gave you the gum for it," was the reply.

"But you never paid for the gum."

"I know, and I never took it away."

At this point the shopman saw the joke and said, "Here, laddie, here's sixpence to yourself if you'll go across the way and do the same to old Tomkins."

The boy pocketed the money and then when he got to the shop-door turned and replied, "Thanks very much. But Tomkins gave me a shilling to do it to you."

Harry Persson, the heavy-weight champion of Scandinavia, beat "Bud" Gorman, of America, at Stockholm recently, the fight being stopped in the fifth round after Gorman had fallen and badly injured a knee.

When the Swede was awarded the fight Gorman sat in his corner and cried, while Persson refused to accept his friends' congratulations.

The crowd, thinking at first that the American was bluffing, rushed towards the ring, clamouring that the fight should be resumed.

Nottingham Justices' clerk: Have you any goods? Man: Yes, but they are not paid for!

Midland complainant: He stood in front of me and struck me in the eye from the back.

Willenden magistrate: Was your husband amiable yesterday? Wife: Not exactly. He said he meant to strangle me before the day was out, and I had

AN "UNFAIR" PROSECUTION?

SUBMISSION IN COURT TO-DAY.

The case in which F. Chan, a former employee of the Wing On Company, in charge of the ship-chandlery department, is charged with conspiracy against the Wing On Company, was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by E. Davidson) prosecuted, whilst the defence was conducted by Mr. M. K. Lo.

This morning, Mr. Lo addressed the court for an hour and outlined his defence. He claimed that the prosecution had not made out a case and consequently there was no case to answer. Mr. Lo quoted from several authorities to support his argument and took the Court step by step over the evidence given by the complainant's witnesses.

Mr. Lo mentioned that it appeared to him that the prosecution purposely and designedly kept away certain evidence from his Worship. He submitted that His Worship could not draw sufficient evidence from the "fragmentary" evidence furnished by the complainants.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said that Mr. Wilson, of the Dollar Company, should have been called by the prosecution and he asked his Worship to say that was a deliberate suppression of evidence by the prosecution.

Mr. Lo referred to certain documents which he said could be proved by Mr. Wilson and he submitted that the prosecution was unfair.

When the court rose at 1 p.m. Mr. Lo had not completed his address.

PROVISIONAL COURT SENSATION.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN IGNORANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Justice of the Nationalist Government, in discussing the Provisional Court problem with a representative of the *North-China Daily News*, last week, said:

"The Nationalist Government received numerous complaints from many sources with regard to the Provisional Court and instructed me to make an investigation. I appointed a commission headed by Mr. Wang Wan-shin, Chief of the Criminal Department of the Ministry of Justice, to undertake the investigation and to produce an impartial report. But just as this commission took up its work, the Provisional Government, within whose province the Provisional Court is, under the Rendition Agreement, dismissed Chief Judge Loo Hsing-yuan and appointed Miss Soumi Tchong."

"I have nothing to do with the appointment or the dismissal, and under no voice in either. The Provisional Government did not and need not consult me. I have had no formal notification of the action they have taken."

It is understood from other sources that no notification of the dismissal of Judge Loo Hsing-yuan or the appointment of Miss Soumi Tchong has been received by any Nationalist official in Shanghai and, therefore, there can be no change in the court's personnel until this notification has been sent.

OPIUM GANGS IN RIVALRY.

COMPETITION STOPPED BY H.M.S. HAWKINS.

Two rival opium gangs operating on pontoons attached to MacKenzie's Wharf early last Tuesday morning, threatened to board the L.C.S. *H.M.S. Hawkins*, whereupon H.M.S. *Hawkins* despatched a landing party to the vessel and soon put a stop to all such intentions. The gangs fired about 20 shots at each other. Throughout the night searchlights from vessels in the harbour played upon the spot from different angles.

It seems from two accounts of the affair that a Shanghai gang and a Pootung gang had heard that a quantity of opium had arrived from Hankow in the *Pingwo*. The Shanghai crowd, after arriving on the pontoon, asserted their priority in-so far as the ship belonged to a Shanghai company, Messrs. Jardine's. The Pootung clique argued that the vessel was tied up there, so they had first claim.

Someone became obstreperous and shooting followed. As soon as the *Hawkins* used her searchlights the firing ceased. When the lights were turned off, more shots were heard.

Then it appears that both parties wanted to board the *Pingwo* and make a search for opium. The First Officer, however, insisted that only the authorized Customs officers would be allowed on board. When they threatened, he released a pre-arranged signal and the landing party settled the matter. It is understood that the gangs made off about 3 a.m.

A CRIME WAVE.

GOVERNMENT ACTION IN MALAYA.

MAY CHECK IMMIGRANTS.

In the course of his Budget speech at Singapore last week, the Governor of the Straits Settlements said:

"A rich and sparsely populated area, such as the Malay Peninsula, can continue almost indefinitely to absorb a steady and abundant inflow of immigrants, and is, indeed, to be accounted fortunate that a perennial stream of thrifty and sturdy workers is assured to it, owing to the economic conditions of their native land. Of late, however, the disturbed state of things prevailing in the Southern Provinces of China has tended artificially to stimulate this tide of immigration, and has simultaneously operated to check, in some degree, the periodical return to their native country, in which many Chinese have habitually indulged."

It has also had the effect of changing to some extent the character of a portion of the Chinese immigrants to Malaya, a certain number of those who reach these shores being, not honest labourers, genuinely in search of work, for whom we have at all times a welcome, but men of a criminal type whom recent events in their own country have inured to violence and have enured to disorder."

One of the results of this has been the recent outbreak of serious crime in Singapore, of which Chinese immigrants from Southern China have been at once the perpetrators and the victims; and in this connection it must be remembered that, while Singapore absorbs on its own account a considerable number of immigrant Chinese labourers, the remainder passing on to the Malay States where work is always to be had in abundance, the undesirable immigrant is apt to remain in the island, held here by the attraction which a large town ever exerts over the criminally inclined."

Filter for the F.M.S.

To-day, therefore, Singapore is acting in some degree as a filter for the Malay States, retaining the dregs and absorbing or releasing for service elsewhere the more desirable elements; and this is a fact which it would not be prudent for the Government of the Straits Settlements to ignore.

Accordingly an Ordinance has been drafted, and will shortly come before hon. members of this Council for consideration, arming the Governor-in-Council with powers, to limit or, if deemed necessary, to prohibit immigration. It is my earnest hope that it will not become necessary to make use of these powers, but it is considered advisable that this Government should possess them."

The Chinese form to-day a majority of the indigenous inhabitants of British Malaya, and they are perhaps the most enterprising, energetic, provident and frugal of its sons.

Most Straits-born Chinese have a stake in the country, and they have always valued highly the stable, firm and just system of government which has afforded them so ample a measure of peace and security.

The natural resources of Malaya are still only partially developed, and to a constant flow of immigrants must we look for the completion of the work of opening up the country which has made such wonderful progress during the last half century.

We are entitled, however, to insist upon those who seek the hospitality of our shores conforming to our laws and to our conception of what constitutes good and worthy citizenship; and the Government of the Straits Settlements will allow no purely economic considerations to deter it from taking every possible measure to insure that this hospitality, so generously extended, is not abused."

ADMIRAL SAITO'S POST.

RETURNS TO GOVERN KOREA.

Tokyo, Oct. 1. Admiral Saito, before rejoining his post as Governor-General of Korea, has had an audience with the Emperor, at which he reported on his mission to Geneva.—*Indo-pacif.*

Admiral Saito, recently passed through Hongkong on his return from Europe.

PAN-ASIA MOVEMENT.

THE PHILIPPINES DELEGATE.

Manila, Oct. 1. The Philippines Labour Unions will send Mr. Cyrille Bagnet as delegate to the Pan-Asiatic League, which will be held at Shanghai next month.—*Indo-pacif.*

A LECTURE ON MAN'S REINCARNATION.

ATTAINMENT OF THE PERFECT STATE.

At yesterday's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, at the lounge of Lane Crawford's, Mr. John Russell, Vice-President of the Lodge, gave a lecture on "Reincarnation," Mr. David Gubbay, Past Vice-President, being in the chair.

After a brief meditation on world peace, the lecturer in the course of his address, said in brief:

"The belief in reincarnation was held by all the greatest minds of humanity has produced. It enables us to understand many of the problems of life, even Science demands it now in order to complete its theory of evolution, by adding to the declaration of the evolution of the life within the forms. Reincarnation is a necessity from the moral standpoint if we would keep our belief in divine justice and divine love when we face the many terrible facts of human life and of human pain. Reincarnation is also a necessity for human perfection. It is not a doctrine which belongs to eastern religions alone, but belongs to and was part of the teachings of primitive Christianity as well as of other great religions of the world. The doctrine of Reincarnation took its place unchallenged for five centuries among the teachings of the great doctors and bishops of the early Christian Church. It has never quite fallen out of Christian thought and never quite lost its place in Christian literature, and its revival today is but the revival of a truth partially forgotten and not an effort to graft into the Christian faith a doctrine from an alien creed. The Darwinian theory of the survival of the fittest is quite inadequate to explain the growth in man of such qualities as self-sacrifice, compassion, love and sympathy, the willingness to give life for the benefit and protection of those weaker than himself, which are the qualities that we recognize as human as against those possessed by the brute. Though moral qualities are often a drawback in the struggle for existence, yet we see that moral character is growing in all men. It is only the teaching of the persistence of the soul, reincarnation—which makes that growth in moral character possible, when the body perishes in noble self-sacrifice. Transmission of the noble qualities from parent to offspring cannot explain the growth of morality in man, for the higher the soul qualities, the greater the geniality, the greater also is the tendency towards limiting the number of offspring, even towards sterility."

Besides this, children of a genius do as a rule not show the qualities of the genius, but are more often than not even below the average. Reincarnation teaches that in every form there is a portion of the life of God. Like a seed, a germ, the germinal spirit in man comes forth into the world, encased in matter, but with all divine possibilities hidden within, in that germinal spirit are all divine powers in latency awaiting to be aroused into full manifestation, through lives of experience on earth, so that man may become perfect as his Father in heaven is perfect. But in order that such perfection may be attained, there must be growth, experience, evolution. In each life on earth experience must be gathered, in the long interval between death and rebirth of experience gathered on earth is woven in the invisible after-death worlds into the fabric of the soul; when that germinal spirit comes back to earth, it comes with this soul-clothing of qualities woven out of the experience gathered in its previous life on earth, and the inborn ideas of the child, its innate character and tendencies are the result of the weaving into qualities during the heavenly life—the period spent after death in a state of higher mental consciousness—of the many experiences on earth during the earth-life that lies behind it."

The New Life.

When the totality of that experience is transmuted into character and tendencies and qualities, then the hunger, the necessity for more experience forces the spirit-soul towards rebirth on earth in a new human body, to carry on its further evolution, with the help of the awakened innate powers and qualities resulting from its previous life on earth."

During the new life on earth the soul gains more experience, undergoes more struggles, gathers new material for further inner growth, then follows again the weaving of that into higher qualities during the interval between "death" and rebirth on earth in a new human form. And so, on and on, rung after rung of the ladder of progress, in life after life.

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LADY GOLFERS.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD TO-DAY.

A YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

A review of a successful year's activities was given by Mrs. F. A. Redmond, presiding at the annual general meeting of members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Ladies' Section, at the Helena May Institute, this morning. There was a fairly large attendance. Mrs. Redmond was supported by members of the committee.

Speaking on the year's activities Mrs. Redmond said:

"Before briefly reviewing the activities of the past year, I should like to take the opportunity of expressing my very sincere thanks to the members of the committee, not only for all the hard work they have done, but for the cheerful and ungrudging way they have done it. I would like to thank especially Mrs. Murdoch, our energetic secretary, and Mrs. Cassidy, who, in addition to undertaking the unpopular duties of handicapping secretary, has kindly arranged all our advertising."

The members of the committee have certainly made my year, as captain, a pleasant one, and I can assure you they have done good service to the ladies' section."

Competitions.

We heartily congratulate all the prize winners of the year, and at the same time offer our most grateful thanks to those who have so kindly put up the prizes for our numerous competitions. The list of donors is composed of the following: Mrs. Reed, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Cassidy, Mr. Taggart, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Gear, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Boylan Smith.

The championship for 1927 was won by Mrs. C. D. Lambert, who beat Mrs. Redmond in the semifinal.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cassidy, who kindly umpired the final match, and to Mrs. Edgar Davidson, who kindly presented the cup to Mrs. Lambert.

The Railway Cup was won by Mrs. Allan Cameron; the Taggart Cup by Mrs. Sheldon; and the Captain's Cup by Mrs. Maitland. Other prize winners were Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Bernard Brown, Mrs. Sherry, Mrs. Sankey, Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Syme Thomson, Mrs. Dodwell, Miss Dyer, Mrs. Percy, Mrs. Hornell, Mrs. Whyte Smith, Mrs. Leggett, and Miss Foul grill.

The Running Pools were won by Mesdames Sheldon, Purshaw, Dodwell, and Howell.

Other competition matches resulted as follows: The Scots and British beat the Rest; the Club beat the Services; the Men beat the Ladies. As a result of entrance fees for the competitions we were able to hand over \$100 to the M.C.L. and the S.P.C.A.

Mrs. Franklin Ratsey returned for the year 1926 the best score of 82, which is several strokes better than the previous record. Mrs. Lambert, however, has done even better with a 79 this year. We are sorry that these two fine players, who set a high standard of ladies' golf, should be with us for such a short time. Mrs. Ratsey has already gone home, and Mrs. Lambert is leaving in a few months.

We also greatly regret the departure of another fine golfer, Mrs. Winslow, our first captain. Mrs. Winslow, in addition to being champion for several years, did a great deal for the ladies' section in the early days. Later, although not a member of the committee, she took an active interest in our affairs, and her valuable advice was always at the disposal of the committee. I am sure that we all wish her many happy years of golf at home."

Other Matters.

During the year the Bogey of the old course at Fanling was reduced from 92 to 88, in order to be just ten strokes more than the L.G.A. Bogey. New cards with the correct Bogey and the by-laws were printed.

In the Ladies' Club House, Fanling, certain welcome improvements have been carried out in one of the dressing rooms. We are very grateful to the men's committee for having this done, and we hope in the near future, they will improve the other dressing room in the same way. We also hope that they will consider favourably the question of providing more baths."

Early in the year the committee got well on with a scheme for revising the Articles and By-Laws of the Ladies' Section, in order to bring them up to date. It was felt that until we know exactly what the Golf Club will do regarding the special ladies' subscription, it was useless to proceed any further in the matter."

Before I ask the hon. treasurer to present our statement of accounts

SUTTON LOST AND THEN FOUND.

GIVES CANADA MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.

Edmonton, Alberta, Oct. 16.

It is reported from Hudson Hope, British Columbia, that General Frank Sutton, the ex-military adviser to Chang Tso-lin, is missing from his camp.

Search parties are scouring the country but it is feared Sutton may have fallen into the precipitous canyon of Peace River, which is a raging torrent.

Sutton was visiting the Peace River district in connexion with his proposal to construct a privately owned railway to Vancouver, a project which created tremendous interest in Western Canada.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Ottawa, Oct. 16.

A message from Vancouver says that General Frank Sutton has been found safe. He had wandered for twenty hours in the bush.

The press devotes several columns to his activities on the Pacific coast. The *Toronto Financial Post* suggests that he is "backed up" by Chang Tso-lin, who prefers to invest his surplus funds outside China."

Sutton is an old Estonian, 48 years of age, and lost an arm at Gallipoli. He is a mining engineer by profession. His friends attribute to him extraordinary luck, and say that he won a quarter of a million dollars in the Shanghai Champions sweepstake. Since arriving in British Columbia, Sutton has bought a ranch and valuable mining property, two buildings worth a million and half dollars gold, and an island in the Gulf of Georgia.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WOMEN'S MISSION TO CHINA.

BRINGING GOODWILL TO THE CHINESE.

London, Oct. 16.

The Women's International League states that two women from Europe and one from America will leave shortly on a mission of friendship and goodwill on behalf of Western women to the women of China.

The English delegate is Miss Edith Pye and the French delegate Madame Drevet. They will sail from Marseilles on October 23 and will visit Saigon to confer with the women of Indo-China.

Miss Pye has worked with the Society of Friends relief centres abroad while Madame Drevet is a war-widow who has given up her position as a teacher in order to go to China.

The third delegate is Mrs. Grover Clark, an American journalist who speaks Chinese.

The delegation will be financed almost entirely by women.—*Reuter.*

THE MOTOR-CAR BOOM.

BIG ORDERS PLACED AT OLYMPIA.

London, Oct. 16.

A new record in motor-show attendance was set up at Olympia yesterday.

The official figures were 45,940. It was the third day of the show.

One firm during the day received an order for £175,000 worth of cars, and another firm an order worth £100,000.—*British Wireless.*

for the year, may I draw attention, as the captains before me have done, to the question of our dollar subscription. There are altogether about 460 registered lady members, and this year we have been able to collect only \$146. This has not been sufficient to cover our expenses as there are still some bills outstanding of over \$40. If the incoming committee can think of some scheme by which most, if not all of the members pay their dollar, they will earn our gratitude."

I will now ask Mrs. Ross to be good enough to read the statement of accounts, which have been kindly audited by Mr. Baron Hay.

The Accounts.

Mrs. Ross stated that at the end of last year there was a balance of \$20.46. This year subscriptions amounted to \$186.05, leaving a balance in hand of \$20.41.

Mrs. Redmond was re-elected captain and the following were elected on the committee—Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Whyte Smith, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Leggett, and Mrs. Maitland, with Mrs. Redmond ex-officio."

Thanks were expressed to Col. E. D. Matthews, secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, the auditor, Mr. Baron Hay, the local Press, and to the captain.

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LOCAL SOCCER.

ALL LEADING CLUBS SUCCEED.

KEEN STRUGGLE COMING.

[By "Wanderer."]

It seems fairly clear, even at this early stage, which clubs of the Senior Division of the Hong-kong Football League will be concerned in the real struggle for the championship. It so happened on Saturday that the three regimental teams, and the only obvious civilian contenders, the Chinese Athletic and the Club de Recreo, were all engaged against other clubs. They were all successful, as expected, and by more or less substantial margins.

Between the five clubs mentioned, the struggle is likely to prove very interesting, particularly as the Chinese Athletic alone can claim to have secured full points. Woodards, the Queen's Royal Regiment, centre-forward, did the "hat-trick" against the H.K.F.C.

The Results.

The full list of results is appended:

Senior Division.

Queen's Regt.	5	Club	2
Chinese Ath.	2	Police	0
Kowloon	0	K.O.S.B.	4
Recreo	2	R.A.F.	1
Scots Guards	3	South China	0

Junior Division "A".

Recreo	3	Kowloon	2
K.O.S.B.	3	University	0
Club	0	S. China "A"	2
R.A. Res.	1	Chinese Ath.	3
S. China "B"	1	St. Joseph's	1

Junior Division "B".

Kowloon	0	Boy Scouts	6
S. China "B"	2	S. China "A"	1

Queen's Strike Form.

The Queen's sharpshooters found their form against the H.K.F.C. the visitors being trounced by five goals to two. The Club gave a sound defensive display for the greater part of the game, but there was a period in the second half when nothing seemed to go right, and the Queen's put on three goals in a very short time.

The lively Queen's forward quartette harassed the Club defence from the outset, but the only score of the first half came 20 minutes after the start, when Woodards defeated Rodger with a splendid shot.

Woodards, Barclay and Larkin all netted in the second half, before Scott, the one dangerous man in the Club front rank, burst through and reduced the lead. Woodard put on his third, and his side's fifth, but just before the final whistle blew, Alexander went through to score a good goal.

The Queen's were not at full strength, but their superiority was apparent throughout. The halves gave the opposition little scope, and kept their forwards on the move with capital passes. Woodards led the forwards in great style, swinging the ball about with nice judgment, while his presence in the goalmouth always kept danger.

Both Rodger and Bishop did exceedingly well in the Club defence; McBride was a persistent worrier, while Scott was the most enterprising forward.

Kowloon Outplayed.

Kowloon were outplayed by the K.O.S.B. though there were periods when a fall of Anderson's charge looked imminent. The K.O.S.B. won by four clear goals and deserved their success, though occasionally they missed better opportunities than those which produced the goals.

The strength of the Borderers was in their half-back line. Everest, Davey and Skiggs playing at the top of their form, breaking up the Kowloon attacks with ease by such sun-tacking that the backs and goalkeeper had, for the greater part of the game, a spectator's viewpoint.

Sims and Caville stood out prominently in the Kowloon defence, while Dodson also did much good work. Wood made capital saves, but did not at all times inspire confidence. The forwards were never together, the absence of Vickers seriously interfering with the cohesion of the line. May was the outstanding forward but he rarely received the ball right, while Davey generally speaking defended too soundly for the success of individual effort.

SCHOOL SPORT.

D.B.S. v. ST. PAUL'S.

On Friday on the Diocesan Boys' School ground the Diocesan Boys' School defeated St. Paul's College after a hard and fast soccer match by three goals to two.

Tennis.

On Saturday, St. Stephen's College beat the Diocesan Boys' School by 50 games to 49.

Cricket.

On their own ground, the Diocesan Boys' School were beaten by the 56th. Company, Royal Engineers, by the narrow margin of 9 runs. Playfair (84) and Dare (32) did best for the winners and W. H. Kwan (29) and Prata (20) for the School. Lee for the School took 6 wickets for 36 runs and for the R. E.'s Horspool took 6 for 38.

When the K.O.S.B. scored, the goal came in the nature of a surprise, McGlinchey tricking Dodson and scoring with a low shot from 25 yards' range. Stock netted the second point, immediately prior to the interval whistle, following an error by Hedley.

Kowloon played up strongly at the opening of the second half, but Humphries netted twice before the end, and the Kowloon efforts in the last fifteen minutes came to naught. It was the first win secured by the K.O.S.B., but the whole side played capitally, and if they snap up their opportunities as Humphries did in scoring the third goal, the best of the match, will be well amongst the leaders at the finish.

Third Successive Win.

Chinese Athletic won their third successive game, the Police having little chance from the beginning. The Police held their opponents to two goals, and it speaks volumes for the fine work done in the defence that at the interval no goals had been scored.

Clarke was at his best, Wynne and Sherry were safe in their kicking, and the half-backs got through much hard work with credit.

Chan Kwong-ai scored the first goal soon after the resumption, and Suen Kam-shun headed through the second from a rebound.

The Athletic gave a delightful exhibition, though the forwards were inclined to dally over-much in the region of goal. Tso Kwai-sing was a constant source of danger, while Suen Kam-shun was the most enterprising of the inside forwards.

Chan So Injured.

An unfortunate injury to Chan So after the start of South China's game against the Scots Guards took much of the interest from the exchanges, the Scots Guards outplaying their opponents.

Chapman scored in the first half, and Carswell and Chapman completed the scoring after the interval. Play seldom reached a high standard, the Guards relying to a great extent on their physical advantages. South China gave a plucky exhibition, and never gave up trying.

R. A. F. Do Well.

The R. A. F. have so far failed to register a victory in the league, but they are a much better team than their record would disclose at a cursory glance.

The Club de Recreo, minus two regular half-backs, had to play exceedingly well on Saturday to win by the odd goal of three, and but for some fine goalkeeping by Silva particularly in the second half, a different story might need be told.

Gosano scored a splendid goal in the opening half, and each side netted once after the interval.

The R.A.F. are especially strong in defence, the half-back line showing up strongly throughout Saturday's match. The forwards settled down to good combination, but were very erratic in the vicinity of goal.

The Recreo began with their usual spirit and the R.A.F. defenders stood up to the pressure in great style. Gosano eventually got through after a brilliant individual effort.

After the interval, the game was less interesting, though the same pace was maintained.

No Surprises.

There was no real surprise among the Junior teams. A very close game was seen at King's Park between Kowloon Reserves and the Recreo Reserves, the home side winning by the odd goal of five. Kowloon generally held the upper hand, but their forwards were weak in front of goal.

The K.O.S.B. Reserves won comfortably, as usual, and the Chinese Athletic were also on the winning side.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, October 22nd) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on October 22nd:

DIVISION I.

Birmingham	v	Bury
Blackburn	v	Leicester
Bolton	v	Liverpool

DIVISION II.

Stoke	v	Barnsley
West Brom.	v	Swansea

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Exeter	v	Watford
Luton	v	Newport

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Barrow	v	Bradford C.
Chesterfield	v	Darlington

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Clyde	v	Hibernians

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Before sending in your coupons, copy the list of your forecasts. Compare this later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

RANGOON RIVER TRAGEDY.

EUROPEAN CARRIED AWAY BY TIDE.

Rangoon, Oct. 2. A drowning fatality occurred yesterday in the Rangoon River, when Mr. H. Stevenson, of the steamer "Chakrata," lost his life.

It is reported that the Chief Officer and Mr. Stevenson embarked in a sampan, with the intention of proceeding to the shore. The prow of the sampan caught underneath the gangway and capsized.

The Chief Officer managed to seize a lifebuoy which was thrown to him and the sampan wallah was rescued.

Mr. Stevenson was carried away by the tide and disappeared. The patrol and a search party immediately set out, but no trace of him was found.

MRS. BESANT MAY FLY TO INDIA.

LEADING THEOSOPHIST'S 80TH BIRTHDAY.

London, Oct. 1. Mrs. Annie Besant celebrated her 80th birthday quietly.

A reception has been arranged in her honour by the Theosophical Society on the eve of her departure for India, October 12th.

She declares that, as a result of the recent extension of her Continental lecture tour, she will fly back to India if a service is available, "for the slowness of trains appals me."

INTERPORT BOWLS.

HONGKONG'S WRONG TACTICS.

BRILLIANT SHANGHAI PLAY.

For the first time in the history of lawn bowls between the two ports a visiting team has won the Interport Cup.

On Saturday, Shanghai defeated Hongkong, by 31 shots to 17 in a match in which the visitors outclassed the home team in practically every department of the game. The match was played at Craigengower and was witnessed by a large crowd of enthusiastic bowlers, who applauded impartially.

There was not much to enthuse over from a Hongkong point of view. The local players, with the exception of Wallace the skip, who had to carry the whole team on his shoulders, were rather disappointing, and could not compare with their opposite numbers. Their form was not up to expected standard, whilst that of Shanghai was a good deal above it. It was due to the sterling work of Wallace, who was called upon repeatedly to extricate his side from difficult positions, that the margin in favour of Shanghai was not greater than 14.

Shanghai Players.

The Shanghai bowlers are to be congratulated on a fine all-round game. Their display on Saturday was certainly the best ever seen in any previous Interport. Individually and collectively, they towered above the Hongkong four, Wallace excepted. So great an advantage did Shanghai hold at 1, 2 and 3, that it frequently happened that the skip had nothing at all to do but to block his opponent, and this he did very successfully on more than one occasion. Although not quite so much in the limelight as the rest of the team, Aitkenhead was particularly sound at skip and built up some heads that set Wallace very difficult problems to solve. Harvey played a wonderful game at No. 2 and often did just exactly what his skip told him, Malcolm proved a very experienced and capable player in the No. 3 position and was responsible for a lot of good work. Brierley led brilliantly. He was an ideal No. 1.

Hongkong Players.

With a little more luck Wallace would undoubtedly have increased the Hongkong score. So much was left to him to do that the wonder is that he kept the score down to respectable proportions. He was always fighting with his back to the wall. He played a consistently good game throughout and frequently drew the shot. Macfarlane now and again came off, but on the whole he gave a disappointing display. He was heavy most of the time and once or twice spoiled the work of the Nos. 1 and 2 because of this. For the first ten heads Atkinson did not shine but he improved as the game progressed and towards the end was lying the shot almost as often as his opponent. Laing sent down some excellent woods but was up against a good man in Harvey and also had bad luck at times.

The Game.

Hongkong having scored two at the opening head, Shanghai took the lead at the second, scoring three. From this stage onwards, Shanghai led throughout, and at the ninth head the score had gone to the one-sided stage of 16 to three in favour of the visitors. The game fluctuated a little from there, and at the 16th head, the score had been brought to 20 to 14 in favour of Shanghai. It was at this stage of the game that the Hongkong team had its last chance of evening up the score, for with five heads to go and only six points wanted to effect a draw, it was possible to make a showing. To do so, however, Hongkong would have had to alter the style of game that is to say, to play the "forcing" game. It seemed remarkable that at this stage this was not done, for it was becoming perfectly obvious that the Hongkong team could not outbowl their opponents in a "drawing" game. Had the heads been broken up at this point with a few good drives and "heavy" woods at the excellent targets presented by the Shanghai side, the fortunes of the Hongkong team might have improved. Precisely what Macfarlane did in the 16th, head when he distributed three Shanghai bowls which were counting and lay the "shot" himself, was precisely the type of game which Hongkong should have continued to play. It has been said above that Macfarlane was often too strong, but it was doubtless because he saw the possibilities of "heavy" play thereby leaving the "Jack" open for his skip, that he adopted tactics that to others might have appeared wrong. In saying so much, it must not be forgotten that "No. three" have to follow the directions of their skips, and that Wallace, whose typical play is essentially of a "drawing" nature, did not decide to depart from his usual game.

ALL-INDIA 30-MILE SWIM.

SEVEN COMPLETE COURSE OUT OF 18.

Calcutta, Oct. 1. The fourth annual All-India 30-mile swim was won to-day by Jnan Chander Chatterji (Hathkole City College), in 5 hours 55 mins., from a field of 18.

There was a strong headwind throughout the contest.

Birendra Nath Pal (National Swimming Association), was second, his time being 6 hrs. 12 mins., and the third was Monoranjan Bose (Ananda Sporting Club), 6 hrs. 30 mins.

The fifth competitor to reach home was the youngest, Dharendra Nath Das, a boy of 12. Seven completed the course.

GOLF POSTPONEMENT.

A telegram has been received from Manila stating that the interport golf match which was originally to be played yesterday has been postponed until tomorrow.

INDIAN SCHOOL OF NAVIGATION.

MALABAR SEAMEN'S CLAIMS.

Madras, Sept. 28. According to the Madras Mail the seafaring community of Malabar have sent a memorial to the Government of India setting forth their claims in regard to the proposed school of navigation in India and drawing the Government's attention to the fact that they are descendants of shippers of former kings of Calicut and are still in the shipping business.

However, the match was never devoid of interest, and Shanghai is to be very heartily congratulated on so overwhelming a victory. The detail scores were:

Shanghai	Hongkong
Brierley	C. Atkinson
Harvey	J. Laing
Malcolm	W. Macfarlane
Aitkenhead	R. Wallace.
Heads	
1	2
2	3
3	2
4	2
5	7
6	1
7	4
8	2
9	2
10	1
11	1
12	1
13	1
14	1
15	1
16	2
17	1
18	3
19	1
20	2
21	6

KOWLOON C. C. MATCH.

Shanghai Wins on Both Rinks.

The Shanghai lawn bowlers paid their first visit to Kowloon yesterday and were given a hearty welcome at the Kowloon Cricket Club, where they had tiffin. In the afternoon two rinks were engaged, Malcolm having charge of the official match and Aitkenhead skipping on the other rink.

Malcolm's team, consisting of Richards, Brierley and Borras was opposed to Lammet, Wragge, Gibson and Overy. The visitors soon found the strength of the green and piled up the shots from the very beginning. They had scored five before Kowloon secured a single and then they drew rapidly away. Two more singles followed and then a seven, the highest count that a Shanghai team has recorded here, being one more than the number they claimed on the last head in the Interport. Then another single and a three, and their score at the ninth head was 18-1. It looked as if Shanghai were going to have a runaway victory, but the Kowloon men improved towards the end. At the eighteenth, Shanghai secured five, and then had a lead of no less than seventeen shots. They did not score afterwards, the last three heads producing five for Kowloon, making the score:

Shanghai	Kowloon C.C.
C. Richards	J. E. Lammet
J. W. Brierley	G. Wragge
A. G. Borras	J. Gibson
A. A. Malcolm	25 H. Overy

Although beaten by twelve shots, Kowloon scored on ten of the 21 heads. Malcolm was the outstanding player. He played a remarkably fine game and was well supported by Borras at No. 3.

The unofficial match was between teams skipped by Aitkenhead and Fraser. It was quite a good and a fairly even game, with Shanghai winning by seven shots. For the visitors Green showed to advantage at No. 2, whilst Phillips was also in form.

Shanghai	Kowloon C.C.
Harvey	Goodwin
Phillips	Tachi
Aitkenhead	22 Fraser

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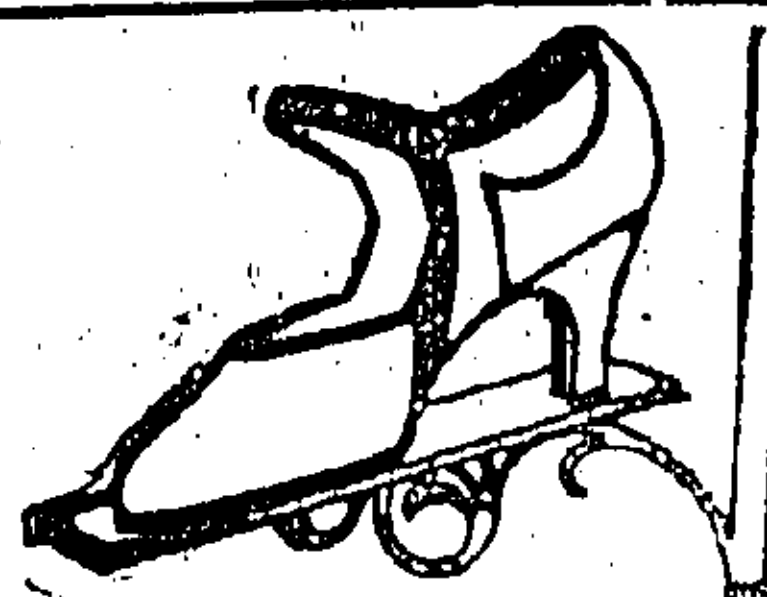
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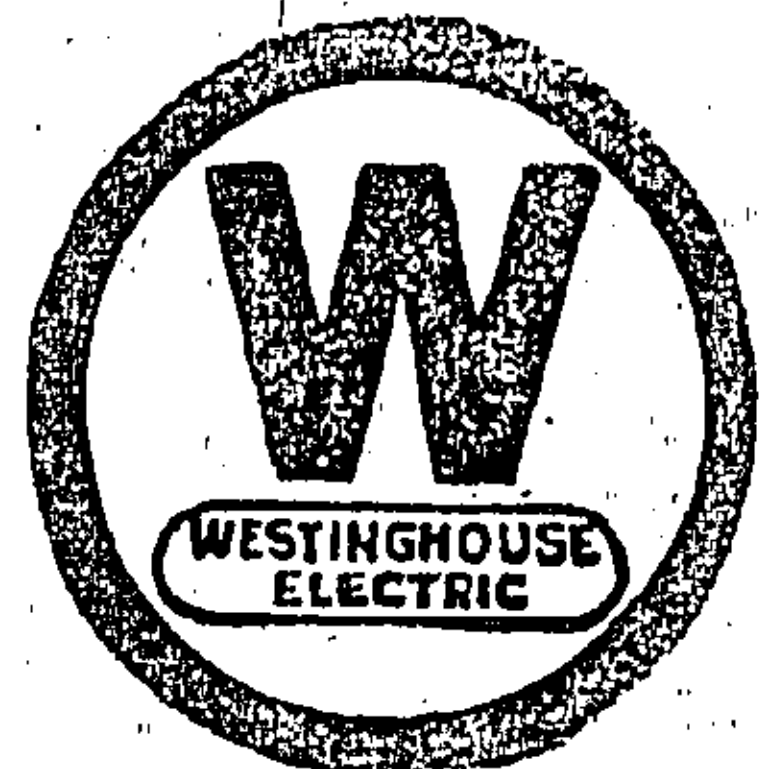
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MACAO RACES.

MANY VISITORS ATTEND.

The two-day race meeting at
Macao over the week-end passed
off very well, with fine weather,
especially yesterday, and good
sport. Yesterday, there was a
large number of Hongkong
visitors, amongst whom was Rear-
Admiral Boyle. The Governor of
Macao, and a party from Govern-
ment House, were also in attend-
ance.

There were some excellent divi-
dends, and keen racing. At the
conclusion, the trophies won
during the meeting were distrib-
uted by H. E. Senhor Barbosa,
and a most enjoyable function
came to a close.

First Day.

1.—The Saturday Novices Race.
3 Furlongs. Winner \$75. 2nd \$40.
3rd \$25. For unplaced ponies since
the 5th Extra Race Meeting of the
Hongkong Jockey Club and Septem-
ber, Gymkhana Race Meeting of this
Club.

Mr. Special's Valour, (Mr. A. W. Roza) 1

Mr. N. Hashim's Chick To, (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 2

Mr. S. W. Hee's Ching Hoi, (Mr. Usher) 3

2.—The Second Selling Plate, 3

Furlongs. Winner \$100. 2nd \$50.

3rd \$50. For all Ponies.

Mr. Lim Kee's Tap Sui, (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Recreation's Chin Shan, (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 2

Mr. S. W. Hee's Waichow, (Mr. Tong) 3

3.—The Kiangwan Plate, Half Mile.

Winner \$100. 2nd \$50. 3rd \$25.

For all China Ponies.

Mr. Lim Kee's Shanghai Friend, (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Chin Kee's Chui Chow Ning, (Mr. Usher) 2

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tsz Lo, (Mr. G. Roza) 3

4.—The Governor's Cup, 1 1/4 Miles.

Winner \$150. 2nd \$100. 3rd \$50.

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won twice in succession by same owner

or owners or three times in all. For

all China ponies.

Mr. K. H.'s Papyrus, (Mr. Tong) 1

Mr. Luen Yick's Ma Kou Sui, (Mr. C. Roza) 2

Mr. U-Un's Leaf, (Mr. Chun) 3

Mr. Chin Lee's Hon Sin, (Mr. Wong) 3

Dead Heat for 3rd Place.

5.—The Third Selling Plate, 5 Fur-

longs. Winner \$100. 2nd \$50. 3rd \$25.

For all China ponies.

Mr. S. W. Hee's Waichow, (Mr. Tong) 1

Mr. Chouk Suen Lo's Man-of-war, (Mr. Charles) 2

Messrs Kiangwan & Co's Castle, (Mr. Charles) 3

6.—The Macao Stac Plate, Once

Round. Winner \$100. 2nd \$50. 3rd \$25.

For all non-winning ponies that

have started in Hongkong or Macao

at least twice since 24th June, 1927.

Mr. K. H.'s Baccarat, (Mr. Tong) 1

Mr. Chouk Suen Lo's Flash Star, (Mr. Wong) 2

Mr. Tang's Sutherland, (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 3

7.—The Mafos Race, 1/2 Mile.

Winner \$75. 2nd \$50. 3rd \$25. For

all unplaced ponies since 24th June,

1927. To be ridden by Bona Fide

Mafos of the L. R. C. in Racing

Colours.

Mr. Recreation's Wuchang, 1

Messrs. Kiangwan and Co's Cherry Brandy, 2

Mr. K. H.'s Lacerda II, 3

SECOND DAY.

1.—The Whang Ho Plate, 7 Fur-

longs. Winner \$100. 2nd \$50. 3rd \$25.

A Forced Entry of \$5. For all

China ponies entered at this Meeting.

Mr. Lim Kee's Shanghai Friend, (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tsz Lo, (Mr. G. Roza) 2

Mr. Hau Van Un's Little Sit Tang, (Mr. Stanton) 3

2.—The Substitution Plate, 1 1/4

Miles. Winner \$100. 2nd \$50. 3rd \$25.

For all China ponies.

Mr. Luen Yick's Beautiful Terrace, (Mr. Chun) 1

Mr. U-Un's Dragon Boat, (Mr. Tong) 2

Mr. N. Hashim's Suning, (Mr. Charles) 3

3.—The Hongkong Visitors' Cup, 9

Furlongs. Winner \$150. 2nd \$100.

3rd \$50. A cup kindly presented by

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ing.

Mr. K. H.'s Papyrus, (Mr. Tong) 1

Mr. U-Un's Leaf, (Mr. Chun) 2

Mr. K. H.'s Baccarat, (Lt. Bulleel) 3

4.—The Fourth Selling Race, 1/2

Mile. Winner \$100. 2nd \$75. 3rd \$75.

For all China ponies.

Mr. Chouk Suen Lo's Man-of-war, (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Recreation's Chin Shan, (Mr. G. U. Roza) 2

Mr. P. N. Cheng's Chick To, (Mr. Stanton) 3

5.—The Steamboat Company's Cup, 1

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Ponies.

Mr. Lim Kee's Shanghai Friend, (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Luen Yick's Ma Kou Sui, (Mr. G. Roza) 2

Mr. U-Un's Dragon Boat, (Mr. Tong) 3

6.—The Sunday Novices Race, 1/2

Mile. Winner \$75. 2nd \$40. 3rd \$15.

For all China ponies at that

date of entry, have been unplaced in

the race.

Mr. Recreation's Wuchang, (Mr. Souza) 1

Mr. Chouk Suen Lo's Flash Star, (Mr. Tong) 2

Mr. Tang's Sutherland, (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 3

*Dead Heat for Third Place.

HARBOUR SWIM.

LEUNG SUI-MAN WINS S.C.A.A. RACE.

The annual harbour race, organised
by the South China Athletic Associa-
tion, was held on Saturday last and
resulted in a win for Leung Sui-man,
the well-known local Chinese swim-
mer.

There were no fewer than sixty-
two competitors and of these, only a
few failed to complete the course.
These were three ladies in the race,
and all of them came in strongly.

Conditions were far from ideal, for
besides a heavy wind, the sea was
somewhat choppy and the swimmers
experienced no little difficulty with
the currents.

Although there was a good number
of native craft, motor boats and
launches following the competitors,
one important item was overlooked.
There was nothing to mark the
course or show the finishing line.

Competitors were instructed prior to
entering the water where the finish-
ing point could be found.

Besides the large crowd which went
out to follow the swimmers, there was
a good number of spectators at the
Club's bridge and on the sea wall.

An Unfortunate Choice.

The start was near the Kowloon
Docks and at five minutes to three,
the signal was given. Owing to the
fact that sixty-two competitors dived
in from one launch, there were a
few who were badly left. Leung
Sui-man, the winner, was seen to
emerge from the general mix-up and
took a substantial lead from those who
came to strike out in a straight line
to the finishing point. On the Shauki-
wan side, there were about ten com-
petitors, headed by Chan Chun-hing,
who appeared to be striking against
the current. Doubtless this group
meant to avail themselves of the
favourable East to West current in
mid-stream, but they lost a good deal
of ground when they realised that
the current had suddenly changed.

Chan Chun-hing was considered in
some quarters as a strong favourite,
but owing to his bad choice of course,
he could not do better than get fifth
place.

Behind Leung Sui-man was one
competitor, employing a powerful
breast stroke, who threatened to
pass the leader several times during
the race and eventually finished the
course within 30 seconds of the
winner's time. The winner used the
"crawl" stroke for the first 100 yards
of the race, and then resorted to a
side overarm stroke, finishing the last
fifty yards with the "crawl" again.

The three ladies swam almost a
straight course and were ahead of
quite a number of men competitors.
The Winners.

The first ten competitors to finish
were as follows:

1. Leung Sui-man. Time 30 mins.

2. Lo Ching-hing. Time 30 mins.

3. Tong Fu-sham.

4. Yeung Yuen-wa.

5. Chan Chun-hing.

6. Wong Siu-chi.

7. Li Fu-lai.

8. Chan Yip-shuen.

9. Yeung Hang-wa.

10. Lau Min-on.

The prizes were given away by Mr.
Choy Kin-yung, the Chairman of the
Club.

MOTOR FOOTBALL.

SECOND MATCH PLAYED ON SATURDAY.

A second motor cycle football match
was played in Hongkong on Saturday
when two teams from the European
Y.M.C.A. met on the Mongkok ground
and provided a thrilling sport for a
large number of spectators.

The teams were:

Stripes: F. Cowherd, (Raleigh), H.
G. Swinburne, (Raleigh), P. Sands,
(Harley Davidson), H. A. Witten-
bach, (Royal Enfield), and G. Bolas
(Matchless).

Whites: W. R. Greenhalgh, (In-
dian), C. M. Ponsford, (Sunbeam),
W. Borruan, (Triumph), J. Cur-
wood, (Triumph) and J. Gardner,
(Henderson). G. F. S. Spradbery
(Coventry Eagle), played with the
Whites in the second half.

The game was much faster than
the one played a fortnight ago and
the riders showed skill in the man-
ipulation of their machines. Play was
exciting and each goal had narrow
escapes in the first half when speedy
runs were made by both teams down
the field. Cowherd scored for the
Stripes in the first half.

A good pace was also maintained
throughout the second half when the
crowd of Chinese had grown con-
siderably and watched with interest
the efforts of the riders to swing the
mounts round into position. The
equalising goal came shortly after
the change of ends when Greenhalgh
ran through for the Whites and
scored. Ponsford came into collision
with him in the goalmouth but there
were no injuries and only slight
damage to machines. Wittenbach
was a staunch defender.

Result:

Whites.....1. Stripes.....1

The referee was Messrs. F. E. G.
Munn and E. W. Alltree.

After the match a challenge was
issued by the Mobile Section of the
Hongkong Volunteers to the Y.M.C.A.
This was accepted and the match will
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Mr. Recreation's Wuchang, (Mr. Souza) 4

*Dead Heat for Third Place.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Division I.

Arsenal 2 Leicester 2

Aston Villa 4 Sunderland 2

Birmingham 2 Middlesbro 2

Burnley 2 Portsmouth 0

Bury 3 West Ham 1

NEW SERIAL STORY

THE MERAFIELD MYSTERY.

By R. A. J. WALLING.

(Author of "The Third Degree," "Fatal Glove," etc.)

CHAPTER I.

As Clerk to the Justices of the Highcliff Petty Sessions Division, I prepared the depositions in the Merafield trial. But I should certainly not have undertaken this narrative as well save for the insistence of several persons who think there ought to be some records of the facts more human and explanatory than the bare words of witnesses in court.

I agree with them, reluctant as I am to write the record. There are people to whose children it may be important to know a little more about the surrounding circumstances than they could ever obtain from newspaper files or even from the depositions themselves.

The task has been placed on me because, by sheer accident, I came to play rather more than a merely official part in the Merafield business.

The curious accident was this: On the 16th August, 1925 (I remember the date, of course, because of what happened in the four succeeding days) I was walking up through the woods to my house, which is called Rosebank. The road, after you leave the bridge over the Mera, is steep, and a deep Devonshire lane. It cuts through the Merafield property—a very cool and beautiful walk in summer weather.

About half-way up to my house—that is, about three-quarters of a mile from the bridge—a private woodland path crosses the road, with a gate on either side. This little-used path leads from Merafield Tower to Highcliff Creek.

As I slowly climbed the hill and neared this four-cross way, I was surprised by the sound of voices in loud dispute—voices of a man and a woman. The road is very lonely, and few people pass there, for there is no other house than my own near by, except Merafield Tower—indeed, no other habitation within three miles than the Merafield keepers' cottages and a farmhouse, Highcliff Farm, far to the east and some distance from the road. I recall no other occasion when I have met anybody there except the farm people in their trap on the way to or from Merafield Station.

So I was surprised to hear cultivated voices raised in this way. When I reached the gate, glancing along the glade to the right, I saw my neighbours, Sir Charles and Lady Merafield, standing some twenty yards down from the road. They were in heated altercation.

I did not stop, and, of course, I had no intention of eavesdropping. But they spoke with such emphasis that two sentences came to me quite clearly as I passed on.

Lady Merafield said, "It's absolutely intolerable that you should do this. It is a beastly thing to do. Telegraph to him at once and prevent him from starting."

Sir Charles Merafield replied, in a tone of hard anger, "I shall do nothing of the sort. If you are a good woman it will make no difference to you. If you're not—well, I'd better know."

They had not noticed me, I thought, though I passed at such a short distance from them. The words used by Sir Charles were strange, but I should probably have forgotten all about them (for they were no concern of mine) had they not been so vividly remembered before the audible memory had faded, they had not been riveted in my mind by the events of the next four days.

For the due understanding of those events I must set down here a word about Sir Charles and Lady Merafield.

Sir Charles was the fourteenth baronet. The Merafields had been settled in this part of Devon since the early part of the seventeenth century. The first baronet was one of those who paid King James for their titles, and he took it at the time when he purchased the estate and built Merafield Tower on the site of an old manor house. Three centuries later Sir Charles was the only landed magnate on this side of the great town of Westport, and a person of large consideration in the county. He was the chairman of my bench, was the Alderman of the County Council, Deputy Lieutenant—in fact, he held all the offices traditional to the squiredom. He would have stood as candidate for the Division at the Parliamentary election of the previous year but for the fact that the urban voters on the border of Westport disliked certain aspects of his character and record and had no special respect for his squiredom.

He had the fame and the popularity of a sportsman. He rode well to hounds. Out of his riches he was a generous supporter of the sport. He played respectable golf and was one of the mainstays of the Longstone Club, whose course, on the coast away to the east, had a certain celebrity among the not-so-noble courses of South Devon. He was a good fisherman with wet fly or minnow, and did not make too much fuss about permits to fish on his water. But above all he was an enthusiastic sea-angler. He kept a very serviceable lugger, besides his motor-boat, on the estuary of the Mera, was a knowledgeable sailor, and was always kind to the longshore fishermen.

On the side of sport Sir Charles was well in credit. He had a good account on another page as well. Although there were no military traditions in his family, he had become a soldier at the beginning of the war, and had raised at least half a battalion of new Territorials in the district in one of the recruiting crises.

On the debit side of his reckoning with public opinion there was nothing so definite to be said. A kind of uneasiness about his character. Rumours. A certain hardness that men noticed. A rough tongue with women and about them. And rumours again.

Having come into the title and the estate as a very young man, he had lived largely in London. Local society brought back stories about him to whisper in the smoke-room—stories not nice even in the smoke-room and offensive to suburban ears. They had died down lately, for at the end of 1924 Sir Charles married a charming woman, and was less in London and Paris.

The charming woman who became Lady Merafield was Miss Mary Sheen. The name will convey something to people who flutter the pages of the illustrated weeklies, and more to those few who read the geographical journals. She had been a daring traveller, and had written on her travels. She was reputed a bit of a blue-stocking, with views, enormous independence and intelligence. These drawbacks were compensated by her beauty. Many men wanted her in spite of her intellect, and her marriage to Sir Charles Merafield, a mere squire in Devon and a mere clubman in London, created nine days of wonder.

Cynical people, who could not understand what she saw in Sir Charles to make him tolerable, found in Sir Charles's accessories—his fortune and his lovely estate of Merafield—the reason of her choice. And, indeed, Merafield was a place to entrance any woman.

Here also, for the due understanding of the events of August, I must take another short step aside—not to describe the loveliness of Merafield, with its tower set on a wooded hill cleared to the river for the noble view it made, for picturesque description is not in my line of country, but to make quite clear the scene of the events in this narrative. It is necessary for it to be clearly understood that Merafield Tower is subject to three confinements. The river Mera, which takes its rise in the heights of Dartmoor to the north-east, has a general south-westerly course, and before it broadens out into the estuary at Westport cuts a deep channel through the valley on its southern edge. The road on the railway to London are on the other side of the valley. The river forms one boundary of the Merafield estate, and the land rises abruptly from the water's edge to perhaps three hundred feet at the eminence where Merafield Tower stands. The second confinement is by the English Channel on the south. The third is Highcliff Creek on the east. Highcliff Creek is hardly more than an inlet of the sea. The stream which runs into it past my house at Rosebank is a mere brook. By some freak of geology the sea has found a soft place between the cliffs and bored out a deep and narrow gorge running inland for about two miles.

Thus the Merafield estate is a narrow neck of land jutting into the English Channel between two water courses, with a bottle-neck entrance at Merafield Bridge. The station used by Merafield and a few hamlets to the north lies near the bridge, and on the main road between them is an inn—the Merafield Arms. In the large room over the bar we hold the monthly sittings of the local petty sessions court.

STRIKE OVER ONE MAN.

MAY MEAN A "HOLD-UP" OF LONDON.

ELECTRICAL DISPUTE.

London is threatened again with the danger of a general paralysis of the electrical lighting, tram, and tube services. So serious is the position that the Emergency Committee of the Electrical Contractors' Association has been summoned to a meeting immediately, while a committee of the Electrical Trades Union has met, says a Home paper of mail week.

The trouble originated at Bective Electrical Works, Cavendish on Monday, when 56 members of the Union struck work over the employment of non-Unionists. The strike was not an official one, but there was a surprising development this morning (says the Central News), when the Union decided to give the men all possible support.

The news was conveyed to the Employers' Association, who regard the latest move as of such importance that they summoned their Emergency Committee to deal with the matter. Members have been called to attend the meeting from all parts of the country, and the Central News learns that unless a settlement can be arrived at very shortly they will declare a general lock-out in London.

The decision of the London Committee of the E.T.U. to make the strike official is not accepted by the employers. They informed from official sources that according to the rules of the Union of London District Committee has no right to authorise a strike without permission from the Executive Committee. This permission, it is understood, has not been obtained. The section directly concerned is the Electrical Contractors, but in the event of a lock-out being declared only for men in that category, it is almost certain that all the other men in the Union would join them "out of sympathy," and this, of course, would mean that London would be plunged into darkness, and that the tram and tube trains would come to a standstill.

Two Sides of the Dispute.

According to the men on strike, there was a number of non-Unionists employed by the firm, and nine joined up after the strike. They also allege that the firm refused to receive a deputation to discuss the matter. A representative of Bective, however, stated that the men's story was entirely wrong. The bone of contention, he said, was the employment of one man who had been dismissed from the Union. The reason was that he had worked overtime at the flat rate.

A committee discussed his action, and he was ordered to pay a fine of £10. This he refused to do, with the result that he had to leave the Union. The official added that it was a sort of unwritten law that when men were employed on jobs in small villages where they had nothing to do in the evenings, frequently asked to be allowed to work overtime. When possible, their wishes were granted, but when the men asked for overtime they were paid only the flat rate. If they were asked by the firm to work on, they were paid overtime rates.

"We think that the strike is due to the agitation of extremists or Communists," he added. "Not so long ago a shop steward was preaching the doctrine of Communism to the men. Some of the men threatened to punch his head unless he changed his teachings."

Bective also repudiated the men's statement that the firm refused to meet a deputation to discuss the matter. The employers regard the strike as a violation of the agreement between their Association and the men's Union, and it is for that reason that they contemplate a lock-out.

Mr. W. J. Webb, London district secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, said to a Press representative at Edinburgh to-day: "I have received a letter stating that the men are out, but the case has not yet been discussed by the executive, and the stoppage has therefore not yet received official endorsement. We have had many threats of a lock-out by the employers. If they carry out this threat we shall fight them and smash them individually."

My route from Rosebank to the town is a second-class road which passes between the grounds of Merafield and the wild country on the sea coast. I can garage my car at Westport Passage and cross the ferry. It is a simpler way than motor-ing down the precipitous, narrow lane to the bridge and going round by the main road. That will serve to introduce the outline of the area embodying what was to become the Merafield Mystery.

(To be Continued.)

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COL. PATTERSON'S GOOD STORIES.

HELD UP A RAILWAY.

It is announced that the Game Department of Kenya Colony has appointed a white lion-hunter, who will have the privilege of hunting lions and leopards for four months in the southern reserve, which has hitherto been held sacred as a sanctuary for big game; he will hunt by daylight and with dogs; and it is hoped that his hunting will instil in the lions something of respect and fear man.

For it appears that the lions, having found the reserve a convenient breeding ground, have of late increased the field of their activities and have begun to attack systematically the herds and herds of the Masai tribe. It would seem, indeed, a task for a Theban for one man and a pack of terriers to go merrily to pacify a whole lion-infested countryside. "All the same I wish I had his job," Lieut.-Col. John Henry Patterson said in an interview with The Observer. Lieut.-Col. Patterson is a famous hunter of lions. It will be remembered that he wrote the history of some of his more lurid adventures in his book, "The Man-Eaters of Tsavo."

"Lions are sensible beasts," he said. "They know when they are well off." He thought, indeed, that a great many animals seemed almost to know the exact position of the boundaries of the southern reserve. It is bounded, oddly enough, by the railway line, and on one side of the line—the right side—it is possible to watch them browsing contentedly a few yards away; on the other side they are on the qui-vive and fly at the least alarm.

Old-Time Masai Hunt. Thus, in the peace of the sanctuary the lions have flourished mightily; and to make their lives even more pleasant the Masai are hunting them less vigorously than of old. "It was a grand sight—an old-time Masai hunt!" Colonel Patterson said—and to hear him tell of it is exciting enough. It is a hunt conducted almost with the pomp and circumstance of a Spanish bull-fight. There is a band of warriors slowly circling round the lion, waving their spears; and when at last they have surrounded it one of the bravest goes into the midst of the ring and takes the lion's charge on his shield while he thrusts with his spear. Often the lion charges repeatedly and receives many spear-thrusts, so that many warriors attain glory. "In the old days, if a lion attacked the Masai cattle," the colonel said, "I think the herdsmen would have shown that they knew how to use their spears."

It seemed, however, as he thought, that the trouble was not much that the Masai have become less brave and less skilful as that the lions have found such confidence and prosperity in the reserve. It may thus be found necessary to send a lion-hunter into the reserve as a corrective every few years. "And I hope that this time, at any rate, the authorities have had the forethought to send a cinema-man with the hunter. He would get such a film as would make a fortune."

"For the point about hunting with dogs is that the lions' attention is so distracted that the cinema-man could get close up for his shots without any danger. The lion is not going to bother about him. Hunting with dogs is considered unsportsmanlike. Compared with real lion-hunting it is a quite and a tame pastime. While the lion is mauling the terriers the hunter can shoot at leisure. It is a very different thing when you have time to wait for a lion's charge. You have only time for one shot; the lion has covered sixty or seventy yards in a second or two. It is a difficult target. You miss—and very like that will be the end of somebody. It may be one of the hunter himself; it may be one of his servants—though most of them, to be sure, are half way up the nearest tree before the lion arrives."

The Dignity of Lions. Colonel Patterson has many stories to tell about lions; he seems to regard them almost as personalities to be studied, and much as beasts to be hunted, and he has had chance enough to study them. It was he who killed the famous pair of man-eaters, lions who held up for nine months the building of the Uganda railway and killed and ate 135 of his workmen. He learned something about the lion's character—its odd dignity, its histrionic powers—"For he's generally shamming when he's dead," as Kipling wrote. He told, having fallen, in a lion's paw, while another lion was left lying, while another lion was tracked and killed; its body was found again a long time afterwards with some difficulty. The

RUDOLPH VALENTINO "SPEAKS."

SPIRIT MESSAGES IN BOOK BY WIFE.

"EXPERIENCES" AFTER DEATH.

Curious "spirit messages," purporting to come from the shade of Rudolph Valentino, the cinema actor, who died last year, are published in a book entitled "Rudy," by his second wife, Mlle. Natacha Rambova (Hutchinson, 10s. 6d. net).

It would appear that Valentino's popularity immediately after his passing was not so evident to himself as it was to his numerous worshippers left on Earth:

"Once I jolted into a woman who had headed straight into me and she shuddered and grasped her companion's arm, saying, 'My, what a cold wind struck me!'"

"This made me furious. So death had turned me into cold wind! I would not have it so. I rushed up to a group of actors standing on the corner of Forty-seventh-street and Broadway near the Palace Theatre. I seized one of the men by the arm and shouted, 'I am Rudolph Valentino!'—but he paid no attention and went on laughing and talking."

Meeting with Caruso. It seems that in life Valentino was "extremely mediumistic himself, often astonishing us with the excellent test-messages received by him through his automatic writings." Now, through the medium of Dr. George Benjamin Wehner, an American psychic, have come the spirit messages.

At first Valentino was unhappy and restless, but later he became reconciled to his new surroundings, being taken under the guidance of a spirit.

He describes a meeting with Caruso. "So much love I have never seen before. Every one seems to beam with it. Caruso, whom, as you remember, I always admired so, comes to see me frequently. I am not yet sure whether he comes to me or I go to him. When I asked him about it, he laughed and said, 'Well, *mito figlio*, what does it matter? Are we not together?'"

"He does not look just as he used to, either. He looks more like his music sounded, if you can imagine what I mean."

Seeing his own Films. Admirers of Valentino's acting will be glad to know that he is occasionally among them, when they go to see a film in which he is "starred," although he does not altogether seem to share their emotions.

"I sometimes find myself in theatres where my pictures are still being shown. But somehow they do not seem as real to me as they used to. I do not feel so stirred when an audience is moved by my acting or the acting of others. Something about the earth is growing fainter."

His surroundings seem to be congenial. Indeed, he might be said to be existing in an actors' paradise, as the following quotations show:

"My friends have taken me to see the theatres. They are enormous and very, very beautiful. They are also built of thought substance, but of that thought substance which comes from true poets' ideals."

"All the great actors act in them. But there is a strange difference in the acting of here and the acting of earth. On the earth plane a clever artist can portray any part given him by the manager. Not so here. There is no mere cleverness here. All is sincere cleverness here. All is a king unless he is majestic in character and soul. On earth the Passion Play comes nearest to this sincere expression."

In a short sentence he explains his own success: "It turns out that the unusual magnetism I possessed when appearing on the screen was due to the fact that I have been an actor in previous lives."

native servants surrounded and examined it; it seemed dead as any lion could be, but it got up and charged. It chased one of the natives a hundred yards, and he had barely time to scramble up a tree. It was only a quick shot from Colonel Patterson that put an end to the play. Here, again, the hunter with dogs has an advantage—he can investigate a shamming lion by proxy. Lion seem almost to have a self-conscious dignity. "Sometimes," Colonel Patterson said, "I have been following a lion which has marched away with awful dignity—sometimes stopping and looking back as though to say, 'Come any farther and there'll be trouble.' And it will go on with this ceremony till it gets over a rise and thinks it is out of sight. Then it looks the wind! Not otherwise—in Homer's simile—like a wicked boy braved a policeman's steady eye, till they were round the corner."

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ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT CATHEDRAL HALL.

With the idea of helping to raise sufficient funds for a ping-pong team to represent China in the Olympic, an extremely enjoyable concert, organised in connection with the Wah Yan Old Boys' Union, was held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Saturday night, when there was a good attendance.

The Union is fortunate in having the services of such an energetic President as Mr. Ng Tai-ping, who organised a ping-pong team in May with such success that they have won all the matches they have played during the season, both league and friendly.

The concert proved a big success, all the numbers being rendered with credit and without a hitch.

Prior to the commencement of the concert, Mr. Ng Tai-ping expressed his thanks to those who had attended and helped to make the effort a success.

The concert, he said, was the first that had been held in connection with the Union, and it was hoped to hold another next year on a larger scale.

Social Activity.

The reasons for the holding of the concert were two-fold, firstly to promote social activity among the members of the Union, and secondly to raise money for the purpose of extending their activities in sport, especially in the game of ping-pong.

He concluded by expressing his thanks to the hon. secretary and all others who had helped.

The concert opened with a piano solo, "The Storm," by Miss Caroline Braga, after which followed a violin solo, "Cavatina," by Mr. John Braga. A Charleston exhibition by Mr. Reginald Sung was full of "pep," after which Chinese music and songs were rendered. Those taking part were Miss Chow Chaw-ching, Prof. Yau Hok-chow, Mr. Fung Wai-ki, Mr. Chau Shu-fat and Mr. Chow Chin-ho. Professor Yau has a high reputation for skill in the South, and Miss Chow is reputed to be a most skilful pupil. Their selections were well received and made a great impression.

Mr. G. W. C. Burnett gave a comical turn, and Mr. N. U. Botelho followed with "A La Cygne," a Cello solo.

Chinese Boxing.

"Chinese Fighting Art" was excellently interpreted by members of the Chin Woo Athletic Association and was one of the most interesting items on the programme. Miss Rose Wong rendered a delightful piano solo, "The Sweet By and By," and the programme concluded with "An Interesting Item" by a Varsity Undergrad, whose name was not given.

The accompanist was Mr. Pun Sek-kwai, and the piano was lent by the Anderson Music Company.

The organising committee was composed of Messrs. Ng Tai-ping, Wong Tso-ian, Chan Wai-chuen, Ng Wai-yan, Pun Yan-pang, Kwan Man-wai and Chan Wai-ming.

TROOP CENTRES.

THE "BETTER 'OLE" TO BE CLOSED DOWN.

"The Better Ole," the Y.M.C.A. centre for the use of Servicemen which came into existence in March when additional troops came to the Colony as part of the Shanghai Defence Force, is to be closed down. This decision has been arrived at following the recent return of troops to England and the movement of others to Shanghai. A farewell concert will be given at the centre this evening, and after that no further entertainments will be held there.

This does not mean, however, that the troops still remaining in Hongkong are not to be catered for. Certain accommodation at the European Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, is being set aside for the use of troops and here it is proposed to carry on the work, although on a smaller scale consequent upon the fewer troops, which has been so successfully carried out at "The Better Ole." The library from the latter place is being transferred to the Salisbury Road building and Servicemen will find there many of the things which contributed in no small measure to the success of the Peking Road centre.

G.O.C. to Speak.

The hope is expressed that Servicemen will avail themselves of the facilities now provided at Salisbury Road. It is interesting to note that since "The Better Ole" was opened in March a concert was held there each week up to the middle of September under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., will speak at the farewell concert to be given at "The Better Ole" to-night when selections will be given by the band of the 1st Battalion the Camerons, by permission of Lieut. Col. H. C. Hyde-Smith and officers. The band will be conducted by Mr. Horace E. Dowell, L.R.A.M.

The Programme.

The programme is as follows: Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini). Selection, "The Desert Song" (Romberg).

Duet, "Il Trovatore." Soloists: Cpl. R. Bain (clarinet) and Bds. G. Phillips, (cornet).

Humorous Songs and Stories. Tod and Dick.

Four Italianos. Misses A. Steel, V. Capell, B. Walker and R. Wong. Song, "The Piper of Love." Mrs. H. Minney.

Engr. Lt. Comdr. A. S. Bedells (entertainer).

Baritone song, Mr. H. Glover.

Miss V. Capell in an old favourite.

Mr. R. Sutherland, (entertainer).

The Band, "The Battle of Waterloo" (Ellenburg).

A cordial invitation is extended by the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee to be present at this farewell concert which will begin at 7.30.

WEDDING BELLS.

SATURDAY'S CEREMONY AT ST. STEPHEN'S.

The marriage took place on Saturday at St. Stephen's Church of Mr. Shiu-hong Yeung, B.Sc. (London), A.C.G.I., D.I.C., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Young Wing Kwong, 38 Kowloon Tong, to Miss May O. Au, elder daughter of the late Mr. A. Au Ben, managing director of the Sincera Co. Ltd., Shanghai, and the late Mrs. Au Ben.

The bridegroom was formerly an electrical engineer of the Chinese National Engineering Co. Ltd., Shanghai and is now on the faculty of Pui Ching High School, Canton.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. S. Kau-yan Lee and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. David W. K. Au. The bridesmaid was Miss Esther K. Au, sister of the bride while Mr. C.H.W. Ma officiated as best man. The page was Master Lincoln D. Au and the flower girls, the Misses K. and L. Au.

After the ceremony a reception was held at St. John's Hall, Pokfulam Road, when the many guests included the Revs. C.B. Shann, E.W.L. Martin, S. Kau-yan Lee and Messrs. May Ying Pui, Chan Harr, Ma Wing Chan, Lam Woo and Dr. T.P. Woo. Last night the bride and bridegroom gave a dinner party to their friends at the To Yuen restaurant, West Point.

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His Excellency the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., Officer Administering the Government, has kindly consented to lay the principal corner stone, and in the Entrance Hall two other stones specially representing the men of H.M. Forces will be laid, one by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., on behalf of the men of H.M. Army, and one by Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., on behalf of the men of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

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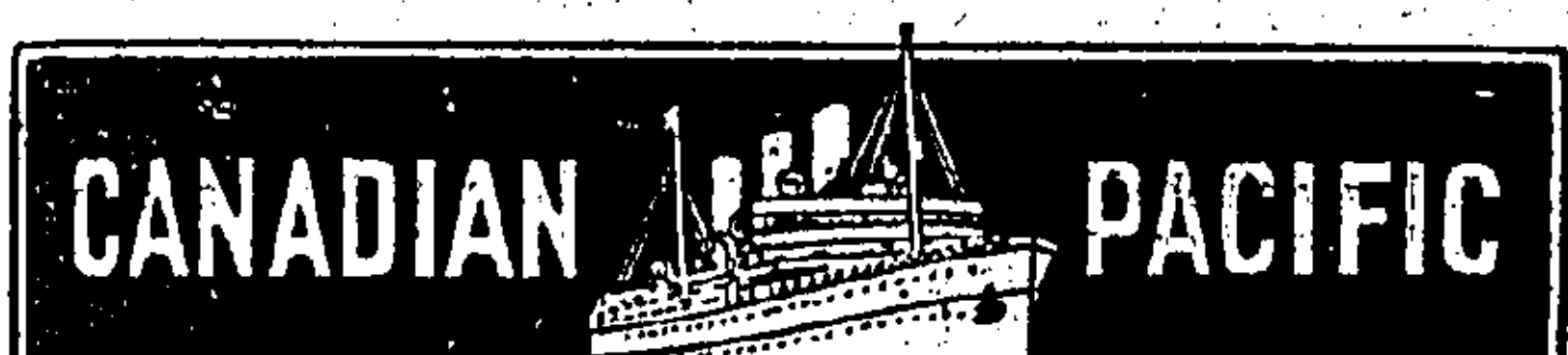
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SANTHA	7,754	5th Nov.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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ARAFURA	6,000	28th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thura
TANDA	6,956	2nd Dec.	Island, Townsville, B'bane
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JEYPORE	5,318	25th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
*MONGOLIA	16,504	28th Oct.	Shanghai & Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	11th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHIVA	9,135	19th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	26th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MOREA	10,953	9th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KALYAN	9,144	13th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MALWA	10,986	7 Jan. 1928.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MAEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko

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CHANGTE	In Port.	18th October
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TAIPING	8th November	15th November
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CHANGTE	9th December	16th December
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TAIPING	7th January	14th January
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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. G. V. HUGHES.

Mr. G. V. Hughes, the chief accountant of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., who came to Hongkong seven years ago, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday, died at the institution early on Saturday morning.

Mr. Hughes had been suffering from kidney trouble for over two months.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, the son being now attending Clifton College, and the daughter, Miss E. Hughes, employed at the office of Messrs. Loxley and Co.

Mr. Hughes, who was 45 years of age, belonged to both the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Zetland Lodge. The late Mr. Hughes was a well-known and a highly respected member of the community, and much sympathy is felt for the widow and family in the great bereavement they have been suddenly called upon to bear.

Funeral Service.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, at the Protestant Cemetery, when the officiating minister was the Rev. Walton Rogers, of Kowloon. There was a large attendance, including several ladies.

The chief mourners were Mrs. D. O. Russell, Mr. V. C. Labrum, and Mr. L. J. Cave. Others present at the graveside were the Worshipful Master of the Zetland Lodge, Mr. F. Bayliss, Mr. F. G. Herdridge, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. E. G. Renton, representatives of the Chinese staff of Messrs. Loxley and Co., Mr. G. E. Wetton, Mr. O. A. Smith, Mr. E. J. Ainslie, Mr. T. R. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. H. Fawcett, Mr. David Harvey, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. J. Hyde, Mr. W. Hyde, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Mr. W. Rundell, Mr. D. Mair, Mr. R. S. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Pestonji, Mr. G. B. Labrum and Mr. L. A. Cossart.

Floral Tributes.

The following wreaths were sent—From his affectionate and sorrowing wife May; Aunt Clara; Fred and Edith; Nancy and Rex; Maudie and George; Don and Eva.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Arnold and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ainslie, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cossart, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. David Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kynoch, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Labrum, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Labrum, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mair, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Purves, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodger, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ramsay and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rundell, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson and Miss Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Vellenger, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Weller.

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A GOOD SCHEME.

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An advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue draws attention to a good scheme whereby local residents may ensure that friends abroad may receive a most attractive and welcome gift of chocolates at Christmas.

The well-known house of "Fry's" have made arrangements with their Hongkong agents, Messrs. John D. Hutchison and Co., which enable those desirous of so doing ensuring the delivery of one of a series of presentation boxes of chocolates just in time for the festive season. These boxes are particularly attractive, and each contains an assortment of Fry's famous chocolates.

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H.M.S. ADELAIDE.

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Sydney, Oct. 15. H.M.S. "Adelaide" has arrived at her destination.

H.M.S. "Adelaide" was despatched to the Solomon Islands by the Australian Government, following reports regarding outbreaks amongst the natives of some of the islands.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

FRANCE AND AMERICA IN CONVERSATION.

Washington, Oct. 16.

Conversations have been proceeding since July between France and the United States with a view to understanding and to cope with the extensive illicit liquor traffic which utilises the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon as a base.

phy, Mrs. Spittle, Mrs. W. Harris Gill, Miss Gill, Mrs. Slater and Mrs. B. Oxberry.

Mr. H. T. Buxton and Miss C. Angus, Messrs. J. Barnett, A. J. Baker, H. H. Benson, L. J. Blackburn, L. J. Cave, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, L. A. R. Duncan, P. A. Elms, A. L. G. Eastman, I. L. Goldenberg, W. M. Groves, F. G. Herdridge, J. A. Russell, T. R. Bennett, G. S. Rodger, E. G. Renton, A. C. Thomas, Ho War-fong, Cheong Sau-hin, and Fan Shiu-nam.

The staff of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., the compradore department of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., the brokers of the staff of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., the godown staff, office boys and coolies of Messrs. Loxley and Co., Ye Olde Printerie, Ltd., the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Zetland Lodge No. 525 E.C., Kowloon Cricket Club, and 21 Humphreys Buildings.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the free storage period of one week. No fire insurance has been effected. Bills of lading will be countersigned by,

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FORCED LABOUR.

TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR.

Berlin, Oct. 15.

The International Labour Office decided by 14 votes to seven to place the question of compulsory labour of natives on the agenda of the Conference to be held in 1929. This decision was arrived at after the adoption of the report of a committee of experts consisting of Sir Frederick Lugard, Sir Selwyn Fremantle, Mr. H. M. Taber (South Africa) and Mr. H. M. Joynt (Malay States) which unanimously passed a resolution that forced labour should cease at the earliest possible moment. They also passed a resolution giving the opinion that the regulation of forced labour was urgently important for safeguarding the conditions of certain populations.

The Director of the Labour Office suggested that the question be considered at the 1928 Conference, but the British Government delegate urged the necessity for adequate study and supported the Belgian proposal that it be given first place in the 1929 agenda.

PAGEANT OF SHIPPING.

FEATURE OF LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION.

London, Oct. 15.

The central feature of the Lord Mayor's procession on November 9th will be a pageant of shipping. It is intended to give the public a glimpse of all that shipping means for England and the Empire. Shipping firms have promised co-operation with city authorities to this end.

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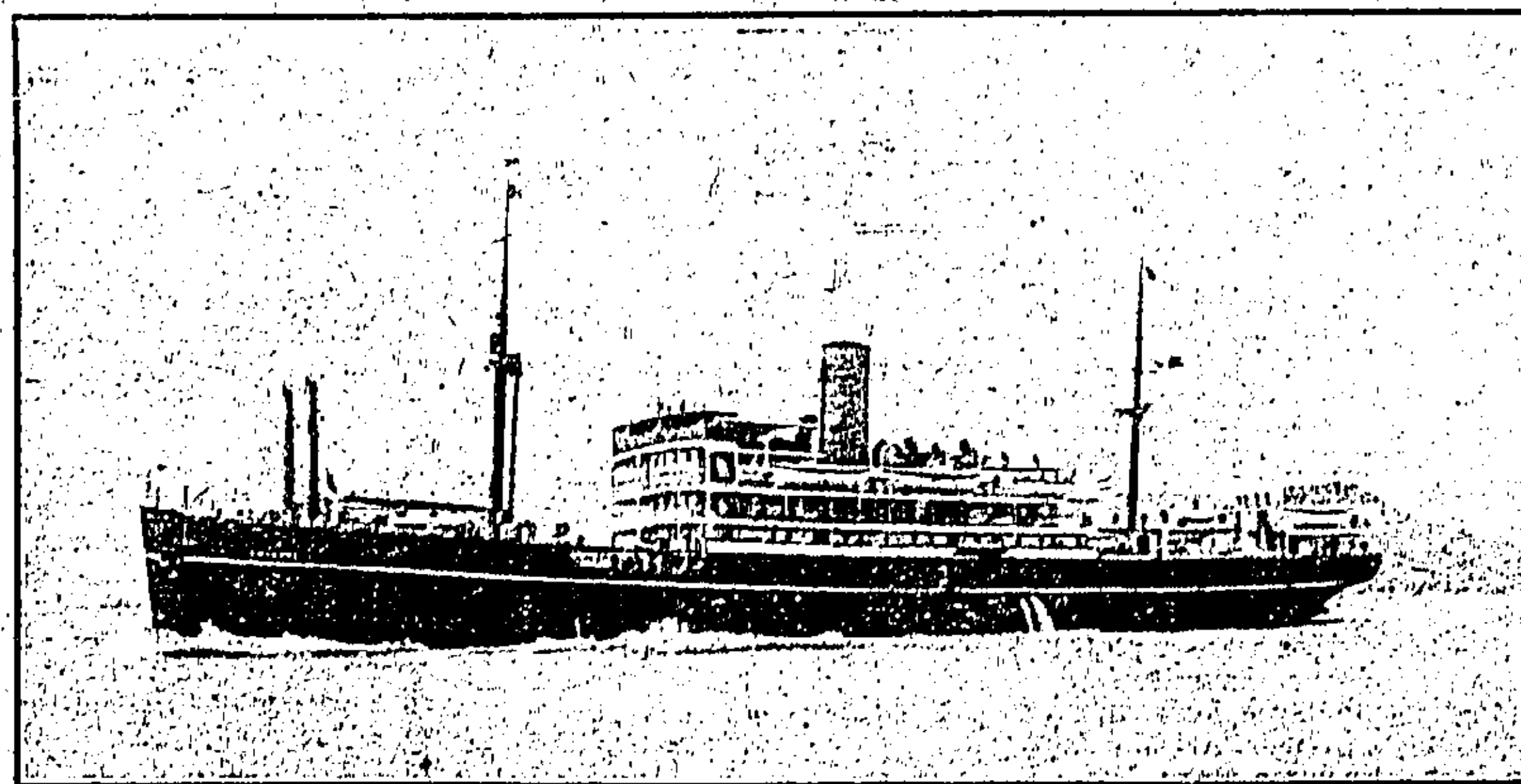
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Aki Maru ... Wednesday, 19th Oct.

Mishima Maru ... Monday, 23rd Nov.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

Tamba Maru ... Tuesday, 18th Oct.

SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles Mexico & Panama.

Bokuyo Maru ... Wednesday, 16th Nov.

SOUTH AMERICA (EAST COAST) via Singapore, Capetown & Ports.

Wakasa Maru ... Saturday, 19th Nov.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

London Maru ... Tuesday, 25th Oct.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

Lima Maru ... Thursday, 20th Oct.

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Ceylon Maru ... Wednesday, 19th Oct.

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A LECTURE ON MAN'S
REINCARNATION.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Life presenting merely days in the
school of the larger life. "At the
bottom of that ladder, in the
lowest class of that school we see
the lowest savage, at the top, the
greatest saints and the noblest in-
tellects, geniuses built up by re-
peated personal efforts through
many lives, by countless struggles,
by great ecstasies and joys as well
as by great sorrows, by failures
and by victories, by evil as well as
by good, the evils of the past, the
painful steps whereon man rises
into virtues, so that even in the
lowest criminal and savage we
have the promise of perfect divini-
ty. He, too, shall rise where the
saint is standing, and in all the
children of men, whatever their
race, caste, and religion. God
shall at last be seen in all His
perfection.

That is the glorious teaching of
men's ascent, through reincarna-
tion, which alone makes intelli-
gible the progress of character
and intelligence and spirituality
side by side with the evolution of
the form. In all men can be seen
clear signs of a past, of difference
in soul-age, which alone is the
true age of man. The sights of
human misery and human degrada-
tion have driven hundreds of noble
hearts into infidelity, into doubt in
the justice and wisdom of God,
quite unnecessarily if the teach-
ing of reincarnation were known
to them.

And religion must find an
answer to these questions if she
is to keep the noblest of her
children within her pale. It is
reincarnation alone which restores
justice to God and power to man,
for then we know that every man
can build with a sure hand his
future destiny, shaping his growth
on lines of ever increasing beauty
until he reaches the stature of
the perfect man, in fulfilment of
the command of his Christ.

FULL OF PRAISE OF
RUSSIA.YOUNG COMMUNISTS RETURN
TO LONDON.

London, Oct. 2.
The six British Communist
children who have been touring
Russia for three months, have re-
turned to London on board the
Soviet ship, "Jussar," full of praise
of Russia.

The only girl member of the
party was especially enthusiastic
with regard to the Ballet Bolshoi
Theatre, Leningrad, where the
party sat in the Tsar's box.

The tour extended over several
thousands of miles, including a
fortnight in the Crimea.

It is understood that there was
no difficulty with regard to the
children landing here without
passports, as all had birth certifi-
cates.

AFRICA TO BRAZIL.

TRANS-ATLANTIC VENTURE
SUCCEEDS.

Port Natal, Oct. 16.
The aeroplane flown by Costes
has landed here.

Costes landed at 23.40 local time
on a field prepared for him twelve
miles from the city and received a
tumultuous welcome. This is
the first non-stop South Atlantic
crossing. His time was 21 hours
15 minutes.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

MESSRS. MORGAN'S
INTERESTED.

Tokyo, Sept. 30.
A director of Messrs. Morgan's
banking group is now in Japan for
the purpose of considering the
necessary capital to be invested in
the Siberian Railways for the
improvement of the system.—
Indo-pacific.

The following ships were expect-
ed to be in wireless communication
with Hongkong to-day: Fooksang,
Linan, Tapanas, Cremer, Ari Maru,
Durban Maru, Fushima Maru, Kai-
jo Maru, Tamba Maru, Philoctetes,
Delta, Hanol, Kwangtung, Oldekirk,
Sochow, Karmala, Kingyuan,
Hirundo, Esquilino, Talamba and
Mausang.

Sir John Foster Fraser, the
writer, has married at the Chelsea
Register Office Miss Constance
Mary Lowe, of Kensington.

A CHANNEL SWIM
HOAX.LADY'S PECULIAR ACTION
CRITICISED.

OFFICIAL CHECK NEEDED.

London, Oct. 16.
A sensational statement is made by
the *News of the World* that the Chan-
nel swim alleged to have been accom-
plished by "Mona McLennan," (Dr.
Dorothy Logan) on October 10 was a
hoax carried out by Dr. Logan in or-
der to show the desirability of an in-
ternational Commission to control,
supervise and certify all Channel
swims.

Dr. Logan, who had previously
sworn an affidavit that she accom-
plished the swim, was paid a cheque
for £1,000 by the *News of the World*,
but has since returned it to the
donors.

In a statement she says that she
entered the sea at Cape Grimes at
7.40. The tide was already beginning
to ebb and it was apparent to every-
body that she could never swim the
Channel that night. She about 9.30
she was taken into the boat when the
plot decided that they were then
sufficiently far from the shore to
escape detection of the manoeuvre.

She re-entered the water at 6.20
the following morning and swam for
an hour before she landed on the
beach. Prior to the swim she prepared
a detailed statement of what she
meant to do and the motive. This
document she placed in a sealed en-
velope and saw it deposited in the
safe of an hotel at Hythe.—*Reuter.*

Action Criticised.

London, later.
Amid agreement as to the de-
sirability of instituting an official
check on Channel performances,
there is some disapproval of Dr.
Logan's methods of drawing atten-
tion to this.

Miss Gleitze, interviewed, said
that in order to restore the pres-
tige of women Channel swimmers,
she ought to repeat her swim, and
is willing to do so under certain
conditions. She crossed the Chan-
nel on October 8.

The London clerk, Mr. Temme,
pointed out that his swim on
August 5 was accompanied by in-
dependent witnesses.

Mrs. Gill said she was pleased
she had insisted on a French
official umpire following her when
she did the crossing, on October
14.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE GO TO LAW.

CLAIM FOR GOODS DELIVERED.

In the Summary Court this morn-
ing, before Mr. Justice Wood,
Messrs. Morita and Co., 208-212
Queen's Road East, sued Mr. K.
Inoguchi, ground floor, 43 Praya
East, and or 12 Ship Street, first
and second floors, for \$336.24, be-
ing balance due for goods sold
and delivered.

It was stated that the goods
were delivered between December
23, 1924, and December 19, 1925,
and were to the value of \$456.93.
Two payments had been made
amounting to \$124.74, leaving the
balance claimed. Mr. L. D. Turner
was for the plaintiff, and defend-
ant conducted his own defence.

Plaintiff stated that the defend-
ant had both a restaurant and a
barber's shop. The license for the
restaurant was in his name during
the period when the goods were
delivered. He expected that the
defendant would pay the money.
There was no denial of liability
between the time he sent a letter
asking for payment, and the date
of the issue of the writ.

The defendant denied that he
had asked the plaintiff to supply
the goods, saying that his wife had
asked for them. He said that the
tea house belonged to his wife.

The license was in his name be-
cause he applied for it as he could
speak some English and his wife
could not.

The defendant's wife gave
evidence, and in reply to his
Lordship said the tea house really
belonged to her husband and she
was the manageress.

Judgment was given for the
plaintiff with costs.

TOULON MUTINY.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK
QUELLED.

Toulon, Oct. 15.
When the inmates of the mili-
tary prison were assembling for
luncheon three tried to stir up a
mutiny similar to the outbreak of
September 29 when police and
bluejackets had to restore order.

After the prisoners had over-
powered the warders this time,
however, the prisoners were more
anxious about food than freedom.
The three mutineers chanted the
"Internationale" to an unappre-
ciative audience and then shouted
threats and insults till a guard
arrived and removed them.
—*Reuter.*

TROUBLE FEARED IN
PEKING.

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GENERAL'S ARREST.

Taken to Nanking.

Foochow, Oct. 16.
General Tang Hsu-chiang has
been arrested.
He is being taken to Nanking
under escort.—*Reuter.*

Pay in Arrears.

Chinking, Oct. 15.
The pay of the soldiers here is
several months in arrears, and
some men have been endeavouring
to make good the deficiency by
disposing of their arms to pur-
chasers.

Two of these men, belonging to
the 14th Army, have paid the
extreme penalty for so doing,
having been executed.—*Naval
Wireless.*

BANDITS AT ICHANG.

Troops to Fight Them.

Ichang, Oct. 15.
An effort is being made to curb
the activities of bandits, who are
carrying on their lawless work
round about the district lying
between Itu and Shasi, by
despatching soldiers stationed at
Itu to this area.

An Italian vessel is to be used
as a means of transport.—*Naval
Wireless.*

FENGTIEN ADVANCE.

Prisoners and Guns Captured.

Peking, Oct. 15.
The Ankuochuan announce that
Chang Hsueh-liang wired stating
that the Fengtienites have re-
captured Chochow, taking prison-
ers two regiments of Shansi-ites,
who had seized the city, with all
their field guns. Chang Hsueh-
liang also definitely announced
that he captured Shih-chiaichung,
taking much ammunition supplies
as well as many important docu-
ments. Yen Hsi-shan has re-
treated westward to the mountains.
Chu Yu-pu wired announcing
that he has captured Kweiitem,
the Kuomintang retreating to-
wards Kaifeng.

Anti-Red Campaign.

The Yishihpao gives promi-
nence to a message from a
Hsuehchow correspondent, stat-
ing that Wu Pei-fu's delegate had
arrived there and was negotiating
for an anti-Red campaign. The
delegate declared that the mili-
tarists in Szechuan, Yunnan and
Kweichow had agreed to make Wu
Pei-fu commander of an expedi-
tion against Hankow.—*Reuter.*

Feng Retreating.

Shanghai, Oct. 15.
It is reported that the Chihi-
Shantung forces advancing west-
ward along the Lunghai line have
occupied Huih, and that Feng
Yu-hsiang's troops are falling
back.

Well-informed circles discount
the reported Northern thrust by
Nanking troops, believing that the
rapid victory by the Fentien party
against Shansi, combined with the
dissensions and jealousies in the
Nationalist Government, will pre-
vent a decisive action against the
North.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW CONCESSION.

British Policy Re-stated.

London, Oct. 16.
A recent meeting of the Far
Eastern section of the London
Chamber of Commerce passed a
unanimous resolution urging that
in view of the disastrous results
of the handing over of the Hankow
Concession it was not desirable that
the Government should initiate or
continue negotiations for the mod-
ification of the status of the other
Concessions or Treaty Ports at
present.

With reference to reports in
connexion with this, *Reuter* learns
that the British Government does
not intend to re-occupy the British
Concession at Hankow at present.
It is pointed out that should the
necessity arise Britain will natu-
rally have to reconsider the
position, but at present there appear
to be no grounds for making such
action necessary.—*Reuter.*

The problem is apparently in-
soluble. Mr. Chen has suggested
that the British Government should
permanently station a cruiser in
Bias Bay to intercept incoming
pirated vessels; but the British
Government could neither spare
such a cruiser nor defend the mea-
sure politically. No Chinese
authority is willing or able to main-
tain order in Bias Bay. It is im-
possible for ships in Chinese waters
to refuse all Chinese passengers
for most of the passengers are
Chinese. It has to be accepted as
one of the curiosities of the day
that a band of pirates can live in
security on the Chinese mainland,
and can carry out their piracy with
impunity, although they and their
work and the places they live in are
known to everyone concerned.

Entertainments

THE COMEDY of a girl who had to squander
a million dollars in three months

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Miss Brewster's
Millions

CLARENCE BADGER
Production

Feminine Version
of George B. Mc-
Culloch's famous
novel "Trawler's
Millions."

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FORD STERLING

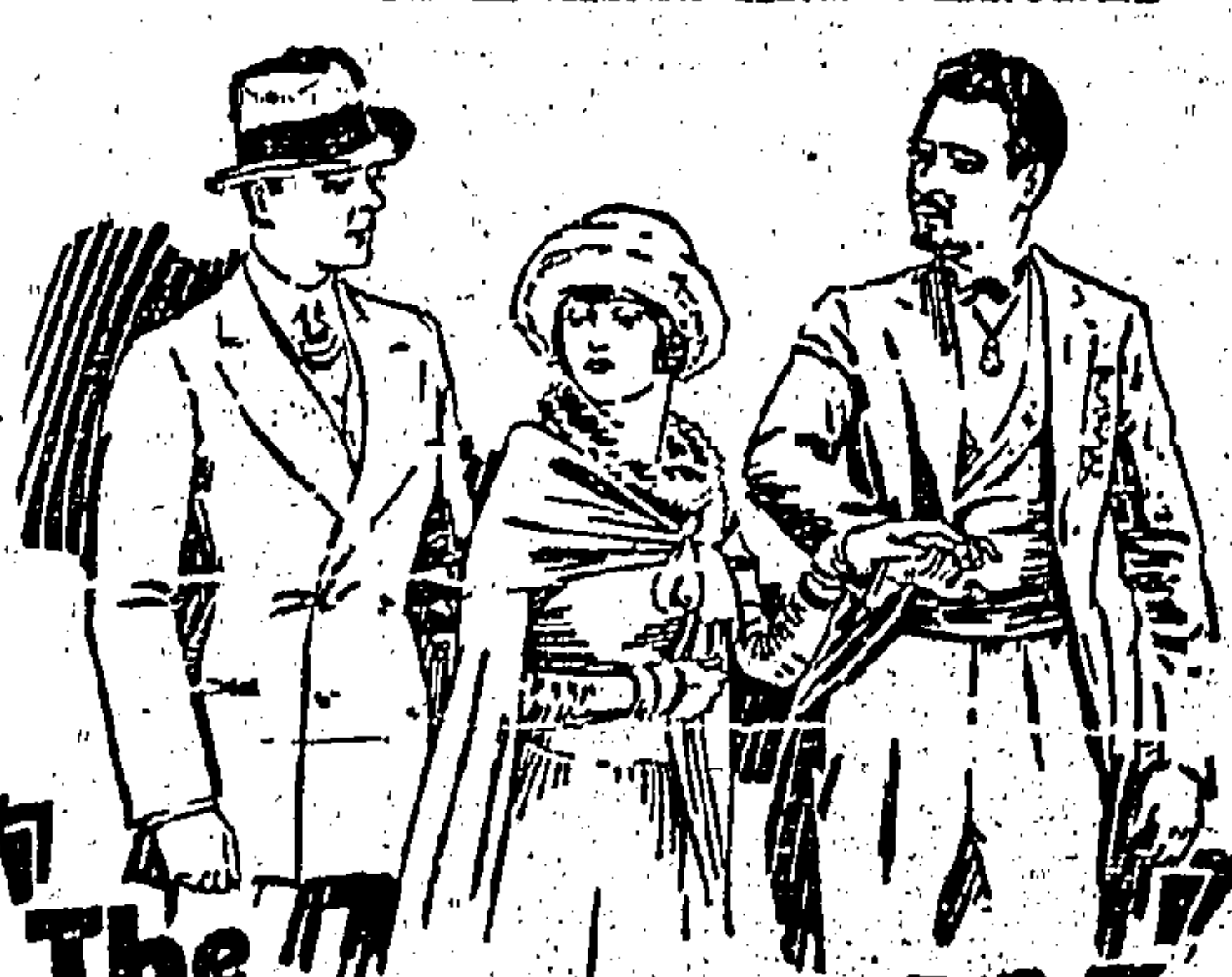
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